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## 12.11.2022 Conversation Guide

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### Is It Really Better to Give Than Receive?

Everyone wants the idyllic Christmas scene: a family in matching pajamas sitting around the tree opening gifts, all perfectly grateful and content. But so often, our holidays can feel like the opposite of that. Selfishness can ruin every situation—much like King Herod’s selfishness and insecurity led him on a desperate mission to destroy the newborn king. The same selfishness shows up in our Christmases today. Often we hear a counterargument: it’s better to give than to receive. But what does that really mean?

#### Key Scripture | Acts 20:35

...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

**“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”**

- Related Scriptures | Acts 20:35, John 3:16, Matthew 2:11

#### Icebreakers:

Q: Speaking of matching pajamas on Christmas...yay or nay?

## Discussion Questions:

### I. Selfishness is toxic to relationships, and giving is the antidote.

*Q: How does generosity provide an antidote to selfishness?*

*Q: How does Jesus' life offer examples of this?*

### II. If you could see, you would give

*Q: Have you ever seen the impact of your giving after you gave it?*

*Q: What people in your life need to be seen by you? How can you give to them?*

## Get Practical:

**Pursue genuine generosity.** Ask God: "If it is truly better to give than to receive, what should that look like for me right now?" Whether that means giving to the church, to people in need in your life, or even starting to give for the first time—giving counters selfishness and connects us to being more like Jesus.

## Resources (click the links below to access)

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