

Don't be different alone

Week 3 choose to give not take

Question: Can you think of time when someone did something special for you?

The way you felt didn't compare to the feeling your friend or family had when seeing your reaction!

No matter how big or small, giving is so important. Why? Because serving, giving and helping is what God tells us to do.

Choosing to **give** is one of the best ways we can be **different**.

But talking about giving and actually doing it are two totally different things.

BEING SELFLESS

So in a world filled with selfies, let's choose to be selfless. Generosity and serving is what God designed us for, and it's where we end up finding the most fulfilment. But this totally means more than just buying someone coffee. It means being **generous with your time and choosing to serve instead of being served**.

You may think you don't have a lot as a student, but in today's Scripture, we'll read a story about a widow who had nothing but gave everything.

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Luke 21:1-4

God honours that kind of giving. For you, this could look like volunteering your time to serve at your church, sitting with the someone who sits alone at lunch every day, helping your parents with chores and not complaining about it, or maybe it means just being patient with your siblings.

God is not asking you to give everything – He is asking for your best first!

Challenge: Write down one way you can be generous at home or at school this week. Then, go and do it!

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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