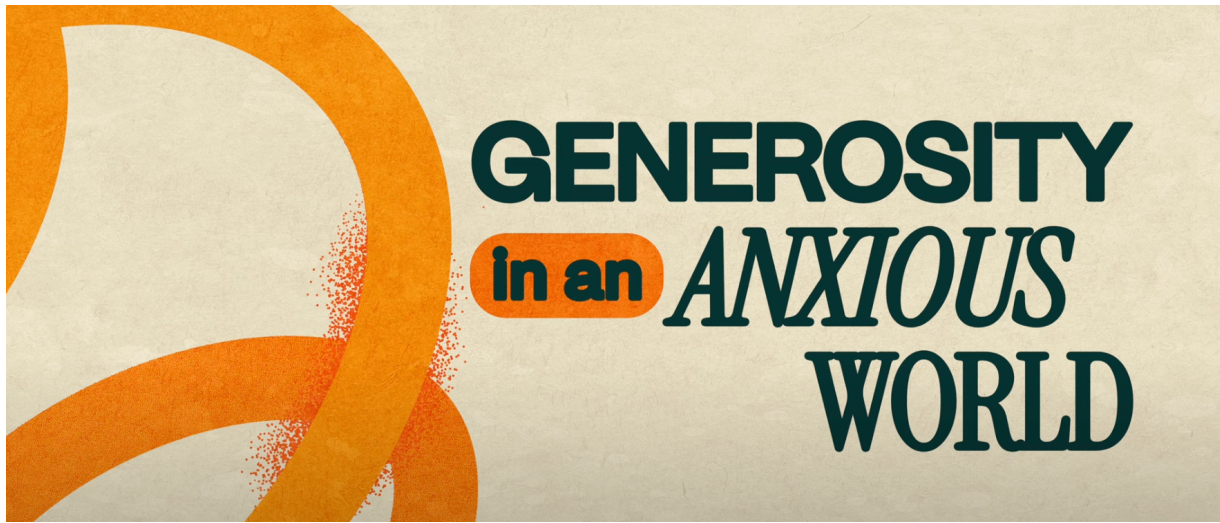




"Generosity in Economic Anxiety"

September 28, 2025

Sermon by John Rhinehart

Group Leader Notes

We had a standalone message about generosity in an anxious age. While the topics of money and generosity are often challenging, John contended that giving is an important aspect to our discipleship of Jesus.

Today we want to unpack what this truth holds for us today.

Main Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Group Discussion

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

- **Q** – It's normal to feel anxiety from the economic anxiety the world is facing and also when the topic of money comes up. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you typically feel when such matters come up?
- **Q – Read** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, what observations do you make? From this text, what can we learn from the Macedonian Church? What faith lessons does this ancient church community potentially hold for us?
- **Q** – At the end of the message, John told a story of the prominent evangelist George Whitetfield and Selina Hastings, the Countess of Huntingdon who financially backed his ministry. John called this an example of Gospel Patrons and asked the congregation to imagine what it would like to raise generations of patrons and evangelists/teachers/leaders to serve God's Kingdom.
 - What came to your mind as you heard this inspiring story?
- **Q – John** said that giving is part of our discipleship journey. What next steps can be taken to grow in this journey?

Let's Pray