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We live in one of the most wealthy parts of the world. In fact, consumption and the accumulation of stuff has permeated our culture. We are consumers. So how do you live a life that's shocking for all the right reasons in a consumer world? What would that look like?

Bottom Line: Jesus doesn't need your money—he wants your heart.

Scripture: [Matthew 6:19-21 NLT](#) // [Luke 21:1-4 NLT](#) // [Matthew 25:14-19 NLT](#) // [Acts 4:32-35 NLT](#) // [Acts 6:2-7 NLT](#)

Getting Started:

1. In our consumer world, what is the thing you find yourself always buying or wanting to buy? What is the item you fantasize about owning?
2. Why do you think so many people struggle to talk about money with their friends or people around them?

Diving In:

3. Read [Matthew 6:19-21](#). What do you observe here about the powerful force that money—or a lack of it—can be in our lives?
4. Jeff shared that giving makes your heart feel good, but generosity actually grows your heart. What would you say is the emotional difference between giving money one time and stretching yourself financially to make a difference?
5. Read [Luke 21:1-4](#). When you look at the comparison between these rich people and the widow, how does it challenge you in the area of generosity?
6. Jeff made the following statement: It's not the size of the gift but the size of the sacrifice. What do you think? What are the implications of this?
7. Read [Acts 4:32-35](#) and [Acts 6:2-7](#). When you see the way the early church lived, what challenges you about it? Do their lives inspire you to follow their example? How so?
8. Jeff described generosity as being trust focused, proportion based, intentionally sacrificed, and unified in purpose. Discuss each point. Do you agree or disagree? What questions are you left with?

9. At the end of the message, Jeff issued a challenge out of the reverse offering. Have you thought about how you could make a difference in someone's life and be a part of the story God is writing in our community? Perhaps you could do something together as a group? Share your ideas or what action you have already taken.

Moving Forward:

This week, make a difference in someone's life by being FOR them. Use your own money or the money Connexus entrusted to you through the reverse offering. And don't forget to share what you did with the money at connexuschurch.com/scandalous.