



Key References:

Isaiah 58:6–7 (NIV)

⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

1 Timothy 6:17–18 (NIV)

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

2 Corinthians 9:6–10 (NIV)

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NIV)

⁴ Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

1 – CONGO GRACE ORPHANAGE

Johann shared about the history of Congo Grace Orphanage and the current crisis in Uvira. **What stood out to you from what he shared?**

Johann said that one of the lessons he has learnt is that God wants us to use our giftings for the His purposes. Johann’s financial background has helped Congo Grace. **What gifting has God given you that you think He may use in the future?**

2 – HOW GOD FEELS ABOUT THE POOR

Read Isaiah 58:6-7. In our current time of crisis, it’s easy to put the focus on ourselves and our own worries. **What does this passage share about the heart of God? Even though our economy is suffering why do we need to remember passages like this?**

3 – THE RICH IN THIS PRESENT WORLD

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18. **Who are the rich in this passage in today’s world? Why are we arrogant if we put our hope in wealth? How has the current crisis exposed this? What does this passage say that God provides? If we are the “rich” in this passage how should we to respond to it?**

4 – SOWING AND GIVING

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. **Why does God see giving as a heart issue? What makes it difficult to be a cheerful giver? What lessons have you learnt around verse 7?**

Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-10. **What do you see as valuable to learn from this passage? Why does verse 9 connect giving to the poor and righteousness?**

Read Ecclesiastes 11:4. **What wisdom does this verse give you in our current situation? Why did Mike include this verse on Sunday?**