

## Session 1 Viewer Guide

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. In the past, what teaching did you hear about giving? Did these teachings have a positive or negative effect on you? Explain.
- 2. Read Luke 6:37-38: Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

People often equate this passage with money, yet money is not mentioned. Some have called this the "Spiritual Law of Reciprocity" - whatever you give (judgment, mercy, time, service) will be returned to you in abundance. What are some areas of your life where you've seen this "sowing and reaping" principle at work in the past - for either good or bad?

- 3. Why do you think people sometimes struggle with selfishness before giving and grief after they have given?
- 4. Can you think of a time you've struggled with either selfishness or grief when giving?
- 5. What are some practical ways you can work through those initial strug-gles in your heart and choose to have generosity with a grateful heart?
- 6. "Giving to get" seems to have become the standard approach many have taken to motivate believers to share. In what ways does the declaration "God doesn't bless giving; He blesses giving with the right heart" challenge what you have been taught in the past about giving?
- 7. People can give of their treasure, time, and talents. How does the way people spend their time, give of their treasure, and use their talents show where their heart is? In which of these areas are you the most generous? Which is the greatest challenge?