



## WEEK ONE

### The Genesis Principle

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*God's people have been characterized by generosity in seasons marked by persecution, famine, hostility and change. Discover the principle God always blesses, the promise God always honors and the perspective that always brings peace – even in Winter!*

#### STUDY QUESTIONS

##### 1. What does it mean to “do the right thing at the wrong time?”

Have you ever done something you felt confident in doing but that outwardly might not have made sense to onlookers? Did you proceed anyway?

##### 2. What does the concept of “lemonade in winter” mean?

Have you ever come across someone who had a “lemonade stand in winter?”

##### 3. What did Pastor Harry say is the “Genesis Principle?”

##### 4. Take a look at these four verses.

- Matthew 6:33
- Proverbs 21:21
- 2 Cor 5:9
- Phil 3:7-11.

What common theme do they all address?

How do these verses relate to the Genesis Principle Pastor Harry talked about?

**5. Pastor and author Francis Chan wrote: "God's definition of what matters is pretty straightforward. He measures our lives by how we love." What does he mean by this?**

Does what you love indicate what matters most to you?

Is the opposite also true regarding what you don't love?

**6. When our priorities are out of order, what does it likely say about who or what we are trying to please?** What are some modern forms of idolatry and what do they all have in common?

**7. How does generosity liberate us from idolatry?**

How does 2 Corinthians 8:9 motivate us to be people who are both generous and joyful?

**Personal Meditation:** You have read that God "did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all" (Romans 8:32), but does your attitude toward God in response to this extravagant love reflect a heart of grateful, joyful, purposeful adoration? This week spend some time meditating on Romans 8:31-39 to reacquaint yourself with God's outpouring of love over you.

**Memorize Matthew 6:33** — "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (NLT)