# COME TO THE TABLE

Session 10: Generous

# JESUS IS GENEROUS

- All that is in the heavens and earth is God's. ~ 1 Chronicles 29:11
- •...he [Jesus Christ] was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ~2 Corinthians 8:9
- ... the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. ~Matthew 8:20

#### JESUS GIVES

- The Feeding of the 5,000 ~John 6
- •...It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. ~Luke 12

### JESUS REQUIRES THE SAME

- The Rich Young Ruler ~ Matthew 19, Mark 10, Luke 18
- The Disciples left all ~Matthew 19, Mark 10, Luke 18
- Zacchaeus/Of the Talents ~Luke 19

## WHO IS MY MASTER?

Our hearts have room for only one allembracing devotion, and we can only cleave to one Lord. Every competitor to that devotion must be hated. As Jesus says, there is no alternative—either we love God or we hate him. We are confronted by an "eitheror"; either we love God, or we love earthly goods. ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

#### WHY GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

The Church is Christ's plan for seeing his life-changing work on earth continue uninterrupted.

- For the growth of followers
- For the good of the world

## TRAPS FOR FOLLOWERS

- Life must include mammon
- The leader demands generosity that he/she is not willing to give
- Immediate satisfaction
- Transactional giving