

# The Generosity of God in the Miracles of Jesus

*Focus: on delighting in and imitating the generosity of God as seen in the miracles of Jesus*

## RESOURCES:

Here is a link to the "Handful of Rice" video that was shown in the service:

<https://vimeo.com/16288195>

Here are the critical links for all the JOF info.:

<http://northwake.com/resources/articles/jof-building-campaign/>



## 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

## Discussion:

(Again, the nature of this sermon makes it a tough one to discuss all the biblical texts involved (a handful of miracles!). As a result, you may need to focus more on your groups awareness of how God was pressing them for application from this message. The other option is just to pick one of the miracles to ponder together.)

- Do a quick review of the miracles we touched on (the list is below) and ask your group to share either: 1) which of the portraits of God's generosity was most impactful or 2) how the steady portrayal of God's generosity in all the miracles affected them.

Here's the list:

- Water into 150 gal. of wine in John 2.1-11
- Feeding the multitudes to excess in Matt. 14.13-21 and Matt. 15.32-38
- Boat sinking, net ripping catches of fish in Luke 5.1-11 and John 21.1-8
- the summary statements of Jesus' healing all in Matt. 4.23; 14.35-36; 15.30
- the language of giving used to describe the cross: 2 Cor. 9.15; Rom. 8.32; John 3.16; Mark 10.45; Gal. 1.3-5
- How ought the generosity of God in these miracles help you be increasingly generous (see Matt. 10.8)?
- Review the "Handful of Rice" video and discuss how their example is encouraging to you all.
- If some in your group are yet to turn in commitments to JOF, please encourage them to do so ASAP.