

# BASE CAMP



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September 9 & 10

Beyond Me

*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.*

## SERIES OVERVIEW

Base camps are a central gathering, a check point no matter what kind of journey you're on. Whether you're summiting Everest or hiking in Brown County, the purpose of a base camp is to rest, refuel, and recenter yourself for the journey ahead.

Our base camp is a revisiting of why we do what we do, who we are, and who we want to be as a church and a community. We need to remember who we are so that we can keep going. We need a *Base Camp*.

## TEXT

Acts 5:1-11, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

## GETTING STARTED

How do you feel about collecting things? What types of things have you collected, and how did you get started?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. How has money affected your sense of peace? What influences the way you view and use money most? How much have you considered what the Bible says about money?
2. Matthew 6:21 says, "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." What does your treasure reveal about your desires? Is it hard to accept and be honest about those desires? Why?

3. Would you consider generosity a response to what you have received or is it something you do out of obligation? When and how did you first discover God's generosity to you?
4. What did Ananias and Sapphira do in Acts 5:1-4 that brought such extreme consequences? Have you ever done something to portray a false sense of generosity? What was your motivation, and how did it turn out for you?
5. You can rarely see greed, indulgence, or a preoccupation with money in yourself. What relationships can speak into these parts of your life? What guardrails have you set up to expose these things in yourself?
6. The value of Joyful Generosity comes out of 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What part of this passage speaks to you the loudest? Have you ever met a truly cheerful giver? Are cheer and joy what you normally associate with generosity? Why or why not?
7. How is joyful generosity possible? Is it limited to those who are wealthy or successful?
8. What is a tithe? Why do you think tithing is such a hard thing to talk about and practice? How has tithing affected your relationship with God and with those around you? How might your attitude change about tithing if you considered it an act of worship?

## NEXT STEPS

Generosity ought to be a response to what you have received from God. To find perspective, determine which of the following questions you will ask yourself this week.

How much of my money does God want me to give?  
How much of God's money should I spend or save for myself?