

**The Generous Heart of God**  
**Romans 8:28-32**

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- How does your definition reflect or connect to the state of a person’s heart?
- Read Romans 8:28-23. What has God generously given to us? What does this reveal about God’s heart for us? What is promised for our future?
- What are some of the false images of God people hold which envision God as less than fully generous and always loving? How would you correct each image based on your knowledge of God revealed in Scripture?
- Read Matthew 20:1-16. What does Jesus reveal in this parable about the heart of God and the economy of the kingdom of heaven?
- What are some ways you have received common grace in gifts God gives to all? What are specific elements of daily life that we take for granted but are actually generous gifts from God (e.g., food, shelter, relationships, beauty, etc.)? What is one way you can be more intentional about noticing and giving thanks for these gifts this week?
- John Calvin noted that God has given us things “which seem to serve delight more than necessity.” What are some examples? What do these gifts that delight say about God’s desire for us? How can you be more intentional about recognizing, savoring, and enjoying one of these “delightful” things this week?
- Conclude by offering prayers of thanksgiving for the many generous gifts God has given to you.

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