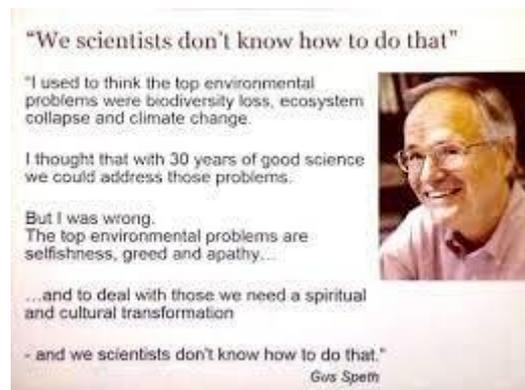




God's Grace & Generosity

Generosity from us because of the grace within us

These verses (& the points) shape the grace within us to be generous to others



James 2:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

1. Imago Dei (sacredness of life)

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 9:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

James 3:9 (NIV)

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.



Discover

2. God is in control, we are in-charge

Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Psalms 8:4-9 (NIV)

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalms 24:1 (NIV)

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

7 critical questions to ask when leading a group to discover what God is saying to us though Scripture.

1. What are you thankful for? (*Introduces people to true worship of God*)
2. How are you or people you know struggling and how can this group help? (*Introduces authentic community and ministry*)
3. Did you do what you committed to do last time? (*Introduces testimony and faith*)
4. What does the Scripture today say to you? (*Introduces the Holy Spirit as the teacher*)
5. What does this passage mean to you? (*Introduces hearing God through the Word*)
6. How will you obey? (*Introduces obedience-based faith – not head knowledge "If you love me, you will obey me"*)
7. Who will you tell? (*Introduces multiplication and movement so that urban area can be reached*)

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