

## Anything But Ordinary Week Two Discussion Questions

- 1.) Have you ever considered how we confuse generosity with random acts of kindness? List some ways that living generously and occasionally being a generous giver differ.
- 2.) Why does living generously require a plan? If you are a spontaneous giver, how can you take steps toward a more thoughtful way of giving?
- 3.) Deuteronomy 26:1 says, “Once you enter the land that GOD, your God, is giving you as an inheritance and take it over and settle down, you are to take some of all the firstfruits of what you grow in the land that GOD, your God, is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place GOD, your God, sets apart for you to worship him.” God asks us to put Him first, not last, in our giving. What would it look like for you to give God the best of what you have instead of the leftovers of what you have? Spend time in prayer and ask God to lead you to put Him first in your finances, following Him in how He desires you to give.
- 4.) 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 says, “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Why is it not the amount we give that counts but the heart with which we give that truly matters?
- 5.) Read Matthew 6:19-21? What does Jesus mean when He says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also?”
- 6.) In the message, Central shared Toni Mattson’s story. Veterans struggling with PTSD and suicide break her heart. For this reason, her life has become a vehicle for God to work in Veteran's lives. Contemplate what breaks your heart. How might God be at work through you and your story to help others? Remember 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 which says, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”