

# SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

## EMPTY THE JAR

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to [southeastchristian.org](https://southeastchristian.org) to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Becoming an “Empty the Jar” type of person begins with our mindset. Like the Magi, we must not only have the desire to see the opportunities God is placing in front of us, but also the courage to step out in faith, leave the familiar behind, and give extravagantly.

Who is the most generous person you know? How do they embody an “Empty the Jar” kind of mentality? What impact has their generosity had on the people around them? What impact has their example of generosity had on you?

Read Matthew 2:1-11. AS you read, make a note of all the phrases that speak to the Magi’s “Empty the Jar” mindset. In what ways do they model generosity to us? Why should generosity be a part of our Christmas celebration? In what ways does the birth of Jesus motivate generosity within us?

As Matt said, “Empty the Jar” people look for signs of God’s movement. Looking back over this past month, what are some opportunities for generosity that you missed out on? What made you pass up these opportunities? How do you need to develop better vision when it comes to generosity?

How does generosity challenge you to move away from your own “kingdoms” and your own comforts? Do you find this challenging? Why or why not? After looking at Matthew 6:33, how can we remind ourselves that a “Yes” to Jesus’ kingdom is always worth it?

The Magi’s gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were both valuable and useful. What does this teach us about the kinds of gifts we should give? How can we make sure that our generosity shares these same characteristics?

“Empty the Jar” people look for signs of God’s movement, step into the unknown, leave their kingdoms behind, and give their best. Of these qualities, which comes the easiest to you? Why? Is there one that challenges you more than the others? How can your Group encourage you to grow in this area?