



Dealing With Difficult People, Pt. 2: Needy People

Helping those in need makes a real difference for them and it brings us joy. There are always people who have legitimate needs, and we need to help them. But there are some people that no matter what you do for them they are always in need of more help. So how do you help the “overly” needy among us?

Bottom Line: Help those in need without enabling.

Discussion Questions:

1. Think back to when you were a kid. What thing did you feel was a need and later realized that it was more of a want?
2. Share a time when you received what you wanted instead of what you really needed. What did you learn from that experience?
3. How do you typically react when you encounter someone in need? Explain how your reaction changes based on who the person is and what they need?
4. **Read Acts 3:6.** Why do you think our typical first reaction to needy people is to give them relief instead of restoration?
5. **Read Galatians 6:7-8.** Why is it important that we don't continually rescue overly needy people from their own consequences? What kind of impact do you think the church would have if we focused more on restoration instead of relief when it comes to dealing with needy people?
6. **Read Mark 1:35.** Jesus helped needy people all the time. Because of this, he knew that he had to continuously find ways to set boundaries so he could recharge. He did this by going off alone to pray. Describe how you set healthy boundaries when it comes to needy people.
7. For overly needy people, what kinds of boundaries are reasonable for you to set?
8. Are you feeling needy? Where do you need God's restoration in your life?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
10. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.