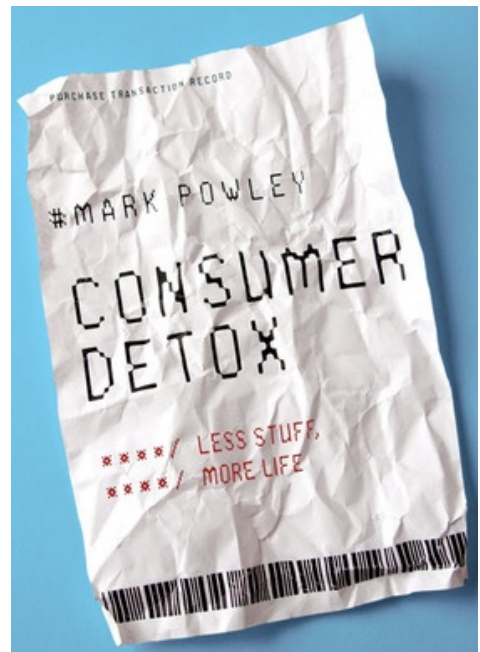


## Week 5.

- What does being 'openhanded' mean to you?
- Read Luke 6:30-35
- What do these verses teach us about how we should treat our possessions?
- How are we to show God's love to others?
- How might we live in ways that allow generosity towards others?
- Do you have things that could perhaps help someone else?
- How do you feel about receiving help from other people? Can you ask for help if you need it?
- How do feel about the things you have in your home?
- What is hospitality? To whom should we offer hospitality?
- Think about how you could use your time, your talents and your energy to help someone else.

*'The power behind resistance to consumerism is community.'*

- How is living with an authentic 'openhanded' & generous attitude a powerful witness to others?
- How might it impact the church community if everyone genuinely lived this way?
- Pray for the grace to be generous and openhanded with our time, money, possessions and talents - Pray that we will also be given the grace to receive & benefit from allowing others to serve us.



## Openhanded Living.

### Some Suggestions to discuss & practice

- Sell a valuable possession & give all the money to the poor.
- De-clutter and give away what you don't need.
- Review your annual budget and consider your outgoings in line with your values.
- Invite someone you don't know very well from church round for coffee or Sunday lunch.
- Find ways to swap and share things. E.g. Could you print something for someone who hasn't got access to a printer, bake for someone who has just come out of Hospital, offer a lift etc.

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