

**It's a Wonderful Life—Give It Away
Study Questions**

Mark 8:35; Acts 20:35; Luke 3:1-6

Warm-up

1) What's one of the most extravagant gifts you have ever received?

2) Have you ever given someone a gift (in whatever form) and then received something unexpected because of it? What happened?

A little deeper

3) [Mark 8:35] Give some examples of people who "lost" their lives for Jesus and the gospel?

What were their lives like? What did "losing" their life look like?

4) [Acts 20:35] When you're stuck and someone provides what you need, you might feel blessed and thankful; but you also may feel somewhat embarrassed or ashamed that you had to rely on someone else. **In what ways can people be blessed when they give?**

In what ways might that blessing fail to appear if the giver did not give with a joyful heart, but had reservations or conditions?

5) [Luke 3:1-6] How have the sacrifices of people in the past benefitted us? (Don't forget to include Jesus and Paul in your discussion!)

How might a sacrifice we make now benefit others?

Bringing it home

6) In what ways are you already "giving your life away"?

7) What might you be willing to give willingly and joyfully that you just haven't done yet?

8) Is there anyone on your heart that you would like to bless, but you don't know how?

Prayer

9) Praise God for the life and blessings he has gifted you with. Admit any reluctance you have toward giving of yourself generously. Ask God to open your eyes to opportunities to give more deeply and ask Him to work in your heart so that you can give more joyfully.