

## **WEEK TWELVE - Theme for the Week**

### **Perceived Scarcity**

#### **Readings from *Caste***

Ch. 16 – Last Place Anxiety: Packed in a Flooding Basement

Ch. 17 – On the Early Front Lines of Caste

Ch. 18 – Satchel Paige and the Illogic of Caste

#### **Scripture**

##### **Luke 6: 37-38**

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

##### **2 Corinthians 6-8**

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

#### **Question for Reflection**

In your journal or in your discussion group, discuss the following question:

James Baldwin said: "No one was white before he/she came to America." Discuss what this quote means to your understanding of our current caste system.

#### **Action Steps**

It might be helpful to you to write in a journal or commit to weekly discussion with a group of people that you know well and trust, starting with where you are each week. How are you feeling - physically, mentally, spiritually? Where is God showing up in your life? What do you hear the Spirit saying to you? As we move through this study, the journal/discussion might help you track how you are doing, what the growing edges are and where Jesus is showing up. Dig deep each day, perhaps you may feel moved to write prayers of confession and consider the questions of the baptismal liturgy, in the order in which they are given - renunciation, profession, living/discipleship – as you think through the issues that Wilkerson raises.

Here are the baptismal questions: Q1: "Do you renounce evil and its power in the world?" Q2: "Who is your Lord and Savior?" Q3: "Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?"

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