

TALK IT OVER

12.10.2023 SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

Even under extreme persecution and poverty, it is possible to be generous and joyful. Pastor Daniel Floyd shows that it requires replacing a scarcity mentality for a blessing mentality, as demonstrated by the Macedonian church. Be a cheerful and sacrificial giver to leave a legacy and reap blessings from God.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; 9:7-11
- Nehemiah 8:10
- Luke 11:13
- Haggai 1:6
- Deuteronomy 21:17; 28:8
- Leviticus 27:30
- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Matthew 6:21
- Hebrews 12:22-23

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Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Describe a time when you were joyfully generous. Why is generosity important? Who benefits when we are generous?
- Why does Paul tell the Corinthian church about what was happening in the Macedonian church? How were the two churches different? How are they similar?
- What happens when we live with a scarcity mindset? How do we live with a blessing mentality? What does a generous spirit look like?
- What is the difference between spontaneous, strategic, and sacrificial giving?
- What are non-monetary ways you can be generous?
- How can you move from a scarcity mindset to a blessing mindset?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Discuss the four levels of giving within the group:
 - Not a giver
 - Spontaneous giver
 - Strategic giver
 - Sacrificial giver

Have each person determine which level they associate with, then determine their next steps to grow a blessing mindset that will encourage them to continue to be more generous.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray that God will provide the strength and wisdom to each group member on how they can grow in generosity and joyfulness.

LEADER TIPS

- The holiday season can be a difficult time for some people. Be sure to stay connected with each of your group members during this season.