



The Seven: Generosity

December 3 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with a psalm, prayer, and some opening questions (10 minutes).

Read Psalm 34:10.

After reading, spend a few moments in prayer, thanking God for your time together and asking him to make you a generous people.

Then, ask, "When was a time that someone's generosity towards you changed your life (either drastically or in some small, but meaningful way?)"

Discuss Scripture and the sermon in smaller groups, men with men and women with women (30 minutes).

Take a few moments to read Scripture and reflect on some questions that relate to the topic of generosity.

- When was a time in your life you felt like God was giving you an opportunity to give, but you decided not to? When was a time when you responded positively to God's invitation to give? What happened?
- Out of the six lessons on generosity that Dan mentioned – 1) Generosity begins with the character of God, 2) Generosity flows from the provision of God, 3) Generosity forms the people of God, 4) Generosity advances the mission of God, 5) Generosity invites the blessing of God, and 6) Generosity delights the heart of God – which challenged you the most? Which was newer to you?

- Just like we talk about in Rooted, Dan talked about how our willingness to be generous stems from whether or not we view what we have as being from God. Are there things in your life that you think do not come from God? What are they? How does **Deuteronomy 8:17-18** challenge this? How does that sit with you?
- If you've ever sensed yourself not wanting to be generous, where does that come from? What's holding you back?
- Take turns reading through the following passages: **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**, **Proverbs 11:24-25**, **1 Timothy 6:17-19**, **Matthew 6:3-4**, **Proverbs 19:17**, **Galatians 6:9-10**. After you read one passage, note what the Bible teaches about giving. How can you apply the verse(s) to your own life?
- What would it look like for you practically to be 1% more generous?
- What thoughts or questions or feelings or tensions do you have about generosity?

Come back together as a large group to finish with Scripture, logistics, and prayer (15 minutes).

1. What stood out to you from your smaller group discussions?
2. **Read Acts 4:32-35**. What would it take for this group to become the generous like the early church? To be like this early Acts 4 community?
3. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through our church's seven priorities! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
4. Share any logistics that you need to share with the holidays coming up.
5. Finish your group session with prayer requests.