



# Destroying Distractions

Spiritual Disciplines: Generosity  
Deuteronomy 15:7-11



## **Study Description**

*Deuteronomy 15:7-11 shares the importance of generosity and compassion towards those in need. This passage emphasizes the blessings that come from a generous heart and calls believers to be open-handed towards the poor and marginalized in society. In studying this text alongside the spiritual discipline of generosity, we are invited to reflect on the principles of generosity and to consider how they can embody these values in our own lives, participating in God's work of justice and mercy.*

### **Share:** (5 Min)

- How has Jesus been moving in your life this past week?
- Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11 together.

### **Learn:** (10 Min)

- How does this text frame the idea of generosity?
- How were the people of God to posture themselves toward the poor and needy?
- How can generosity increase our faith and love for Jesus and those around us?

### **Love:** (10 Min)

- Think about where you live, work, and play. What areas/peoples around you are crying out for help?
- What parts of generosity and caring for others feels like an uphill battle inwardly?
- What distractions or struggles around you get in the way of having a generous spirit?

### **Live:** (10 Min)

- How can you create a habit of generosity in your personal life?
- What impact can the Church make if we were to live lives of generosity?
- As a Life Group, practice generosity together. Commit to giving toward a specific cause or helping someone out who needs support. See below for options.<sup>1</sup>

### **Prayer** (15 Min)

- Take time to pray for the organization/person that you are supporting, and seek a humble heart that desires to serve God. If you have not picked something/someone to support, pray for wisdom, that God would open doors and opportunities to see a need.

### **Trios:** Split into same-gender groups, pick a question and discuss. (15 Min)

1. As you go through this series of Destroying Distractions, what's something you're learning?
2. Is it harder for you to give or to receive? Why?
3. How has generosity in the past blessed you in your relationship with God and with others?

<sup>1</sup> You can choose to financially support an organization that St. John's/Renewal partners with. You can also see if someone in your group needs help with something specific. Also be sensitive to those who may not feel they can contribute due to certain circumstances. Here is a link with a list of organizations that SJ/R supports: <https://sidenver.org/missions>