

The Practice of Generosity

Generous Series

Discussion Questions

1. When it comes to generosity, who or what has influenced and shaped the way you think about your time, talents, and treasures? Do you have any Generosity role models? If so, what makes you think that about them?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

- What are some observations regarding where the generosity of the Macedonian people overflowed from? And how might that challenge our own view regarding generosity?
- Why is it significant that Paul highlights in verse 5 “They gave themselves first to the Lord and then... to us”? How does this speak to the motivation from which generosity must flow out of?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9

- Based on this text how is it that Jesus is both the motivator and the model for what Generosity is supposed to look like?
- Is it fair to say that most people want to give but they don't want to give in a way that is costly to the comforts and luxuries of our lives? How does this text challenge the way we think about generosity and the call to imitate Jesus in the ways that he has been generous to us?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7

- How might some people use this text as an attempt to give themselves an out in regard to generosity?
 - In this passage we receive a command to give, what does this passage teach us about how we should give?
5. Do you have a generosity plan? If so, share it. If not, why not?
 6. Do have margin in your time or money to live generously? What are the areas of your life do you need to cut out to create more margin for whole-life generosity?
 7. What are some of the hidden opportunities that you need to pay greater attention to? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prompting you towards acts of Generosity?
 8. Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect? How can we encourage one another to live generously?