

The Impulse of Generosity

Generous Series

Discussion Questions

What story can you tell of someone who was practicing generosity? What impact did their generosity make? Do you think it contributed to happiness? If so, how?

The cycle of whole life generosity presented by Skye Jethani includes (1) relationship, (2) gratitude, and (3) release.

Generosity begins with Relationship.

- **Read Luke 12:32.**
- Now, consider the passage in context by reading Luke 12:22-34.
- How does the context help your understanding of Lk 12:32?
- What negative emotions does the context address?
- According to this passage, what makes God happy?
- What is God giving?
- What is “the kingdom” that God so happily gives us?
- The passage says “it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Why should that help us not be afraid?

Generosity flows from Gratitude.

- **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 5:20, and Colossians 3:17.**
- How are these passages similar? How are they different?
- Can we really give thanks always and for everything?
- What must you believe to give thanks always and for everything to God?
- How does the practice of gratitude toward God change the way we see the world around us?
- Name practical ways that you can cultivate gratitude in your life.

As a group, connect the dots of how (1) a relationship with God who is the first and most generous giver and (2) the regular practice of gratitude toward God work together to create an impulse of generosity in us.

As a group, discuss how generosity is related to each of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary).