

Warming Up *(Discussion Starters, icebreakers, transitions)*

- Are you more of a saver, a spender, or a give-it-away-er? Why do you think that is?
 - Can you think of a time someone's generosity deeply impacted you personally?
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Digging Deeper *(Note: Lines of thought from the Bible can be found in blue! These aren't in the participant guide.)*

- **Read 1 Corinthians 16:1–4.** What stands out to you in Paul's instructions for giving? Why do you think he gave such clear and practical steps?
Point out how Paul's plan for giving was scheduled, systematic, universal, and proportionate. You could ask: How do we see each of those qualities in the passage?
 - **In 1 Timothy 6:17–19,** Paul commands the wealthy to be "rich in good deeds" and "willing to share."
 - What attitudes does Paul confront in this passage—and how does it contrast with our cultural view of money and success?
You could highlight the warning against arrogance and putting hope in wealth. Another angle: explore how generosity shapes spiritual life ("take hold of the life that is truly life").
 - **Proverbs 3:9–10** talks about honoring God with our "firstfruits." Why is giving off the top—rather than from leftovers—so important spiritually?
The emphasis could be on trust and worship. It's not just about money, it's about priority and dependence on God.
 - The sermon described the shift from biblical generosity to our modern "tip culture." What are the dangers of generosity becoming an emotional response instead of a spiritual discipline? Maybe a worthwhile discussion on how emotions fade, but habits form character.
 - How can we cultivate generosity as a regular rhythm of life?
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Bringing It Home *(Application)*

- On a scale from 1–10, how disciplined would you say you are in the area of generosity? What would it take to move that number up even one notch?
 - What's one practical way you could begin giving more intentionally, whether that's money, time, or talent?
 - What would it look like to start treating generosity with the same importance you give to other spiritual disciplines like prayer, Scripture reading, or worship?
 - Is there anything requiring faith that God is prompting you to give to someone or something?
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Pray together.