Overflow It Starts With You

Key Scriptures

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36 NIV

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."" Matthew 25:40 NIV

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance ... And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Love ... keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians

... there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus ... Romans 8:1 NIV

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 NIV

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. ... Galatians

"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Revelation 3:20 NIV

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TALK IT OVER

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

• What's something that brings you joy?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Was there a story from the message that changed the way you view or think about generosity? How did it impact your perspective?
- What do you think about when you hear the words "serving others"?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read **Matthew 25:40**. When have you seen God provide for you through the actions and love of others?
- We can use resources like time, money, and skills to serve others. How can you use what you have to serve other people?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for the many ways You're moving in our church and communities. We're so grateful that You use people like us to make a difference. We're ready to use what we have to show Your love to the people around us. Please help us to love others well. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Find one way for your LifeGroup to serve together in the next few weeks.
- Listen to the *You've Heard It Said* podcast to learn how much money is truly enough: <u>www.go2.lc/YHIS58</u>
- Start the *Being Generous: With and Without Money* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: <u>www.go2.lc/overflow</u>
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.