

DNA: What Makes Us? Generosity — Small Group Discussion Guide

What's a small gift or thoughtful gesture you received that you still remember—and what made it special?

Read: James 1:17, John 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:32, Philippians 4:19, 1 John 4:19

What did you notice about how the sermon connected God's character with the way we use what we have? What stayed with you?

The sermon described generosity as more than money. Where have you seen generosity expressed through time, abilities, attention, hospitality, or sharing the gospel?

Read John 3:16 and 1 John 4:19. How might receiving God's love change someone's reasons for giving?

What differences might you notice between generosity motivated by gratitude and generosity motivated by guilt? Why does that make a difference?

The sermon said that everything we have is a gift entrusted to us. How does that perspective affect the way we think about our calendars, homes, abilities, or finances? Where is that perspective hardest to embrace?

When you feel reluctant to give, what tends to be underneath that hesitation? How do you work through the tension between trusting God and taking your responsibilities seriously?

Think of a time someone's generosity helped you experience God's care. What might that teach us about responding to needs in our church or community?

Where might God be inviting you to give Him your “yes” right now? What would help you respond with both courage and wisdom?

The sermon asks what our generosity—or lack of it—reveals about who we believe God is. Where does that question challenge you?

How can we let it expose areas that need growth while remembering that God’s love is a gift we cannot earn?

Tonight if you have time when you pray use these prompts:

- **Receive with gratitude:** Thank God for His generosity through Jesus and name specific gifts you may have begun to take for granted.

- **Surrender with trust:** Ask God to uncover fear, pride, or a need for control that makes it difficult to share what He has entrusted to you.

- **Respond with love:** Ask the Holy Spirit to bring a person or need to mind and give you wisdom and courage to take one practical step.