

Go Deeper

Disciple Group Leader Guide

GENEROUS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Based on Luke 10:25–37

Opening

This week begins a new series called Different to Make a Difference. As followers of Jesus, we're called to live differently not to draw attention to ourselves, but so that people are drawn to Him. One of the ways we're called to live differently is through generosity.

Generosity is bigger than money. It's being willing to give what God has placed in our hands our time, resources, encouragement, kindness, forgiveness, and gifts to bless someone else. The story of the Good Samaritan challenges us to stop simply noticing people and start seeing them, loving them, and responding to their needs.

Ice Breaker

What's one of the most meaningful ways someone has shown generosity toward you that had nothing to do with money?

Opening Prayer

Ask God to open our eyes to the people and needs around us. Pray that He would help us become more generous with our time, resources, gifts, and compassion.

Read Together

Luke 10:25–37

(Optional: Ask several group members to read portions of the passage.)

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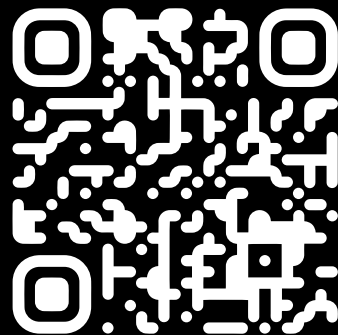
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08.30.26
Baptism Sunday

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Ladies Event

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Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. Generosity Is Bigger Than Money

Generosity is using what God has given us to bless someone else. That can include our finances, but it can also include our time, encouragement, forgiveness, kindness, and abilities. The question isn't simply, "What do I have?" It's "What has God given me that I can use to bless someone else?"

2. We Have to See People Differently

The thieves saw someone to exploit. The priest and Levite saw someone to avoid. The Samaritan saw someone to love.

They all saw the same person, but they responded differently because they saw him differently.

3. Generosity Will Cost Us Some Convenience

The priest and Levite saw the need but chose not to get involved. Sometimes generosity means giving up time, changing our schedule, stopping what we're doing, or simply being willing to listen.

4. Generosity Gives What We Have

The Samaritan gave his time, resources, and kindness. He didn't have everything, but he used what he had. God isn't asking us to give what we don't have. He's asking us to consider what He has already placed in our hands.

Discussion Questions

What Do We See When We See People?: Luke 10:30–33

The thieves, priest, Levite, and Samaritan all encountered the same wounded man, but they responded very differently.

- *Why do you think it's sometimes easier to overlook someone else's need?*
- *Which response in the story are you most tempted to have: exploit, avoid, or love?*
- *What might cause us to become so busy that we miss people who need us?*
- *What would it look like to ask God to help you "see people the way He sees them"?*

When Generosity Is Inconvenient: Luke 10:33–34

The Samaritan stopped what he was doing to help someone in need.

- *Why can inconvenience be such a barrier to generosity?*
- *What are some ways we can be generous with our time?*
- *Who might God be asking you to slow down and make time for?*

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Generosity That Costs Something: James 2:15–16

The message challenged us to move beyond simply noticing someone's need or telling them we'll pray for them.

- *Why is it easier sometimes to say, "I'll pray for you," than to get involved?*
- *What might generosity cost you this week—time, money, convenience, comfort, or something else?*

Saved People Serve People: 2 Corinthians 9:7

We don't serve to earn God's love. We serve because we've already received His love. We don't give so God will love us; we give because He already does.

- *How does understanding God's generosity toward us change the way we give to others?*
- *What makes it difficult to give without expecting something in return?*

Sermon Truth

- We are not different to draw attention to ourselves. We are different so people are drawn to Jesus. Generosity gives us an opportunity to show people what the love of Jesus looks like in practical ways.

Leader Insight

- This discussion isn't meant to become a conversation about how much money people give. The message intentionally expands generosity beyond finances. Help the group think about time, resources, kindness, forgiveness, encouragement, skills, and opportunities. Everyone has something God can use.

Application

Ask each person to answer one or more of the following:

- Who do I need to see?
- *Where do I need to stop?*
- *What can I give?*
- *Is there someone I've been too busy to notice?*
- *What has God already placed in my hands that could help someone else?*

Memory Verse: Luke 10:37

"The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

Closing Challenge

Don't just admire the Good Samaritan. Be one. This week, intentionally look for an opportunity to: SEE SOMEBODY. Notice someone who may be hurting, overlooked, or in need. STOP FOR SOMEBODY. Be willing to slow down and allow an interruption to become an opportunity. GIVE SOMETHING. Give whatever God has placed in your hands your time, resources, encouragement, kindness, or help. And don't do it so people remember your name. Do it so they encounter His.

This Week's Challenge

Look for one person you might normally overlook. Ask yourself:

- What do they need?
- What has God put in my hand that could help?
- Then do something about it.

Closing Reflection

Before you leave, take a moment to quietly reflect:

- *Who has God placed in front of me that I need to see?*
- *Where have I been too busy or too comfortable to stop?*
- *What has God already placed in my hands that I can give?*

Take a moment of quiet reflection, then close the group in prayer.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for being generous toward us. Open our eyes to see the people around us the way You see them. Help us notice the hurting, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Give us the willingness to stop when You put someone in our path. Show us what You have already placed in our hands and teach us to use it to bless others. Help us give our time, resources, kindness, encouragement, forgiveness, and abilities freely. Make us people who don't just talk about Your love but live it. Let our community know us as people who love, serve, show up, help, and give not so our name is remembered, but so people encounter Your name. Help us live different so we can make a difference. Amen.

Leader Notes

- Keep the conversation focused on generosity as a lifestyle, not simply financial giving.
- Give people room to share honestly about where busyness, inconvenience, or self-focus can get in the way of serving others.
- If the conversation becomes focused on what people "should" be giving, bring it back to the question: "What has God already put in your hand?"
- Encourage practical examples. Ask, "What could that actually look like this week?"
- Remind the group that generosity doesn't mean meeting every need or saying yes to every request. The focus is being attentive to the people God places in front of us.
- **Leader Reminder:** Your role is to facilitate discussion, not deliver the sermon again. Help the group move from seeing → stopping → giving → making a difference.