



FINDING JOY – WEEK 2 – **RADICAL GENEROSITY**

ARRIVAL/CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 Minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

SCRIPTURE and DISCUSSION: (40-50 minutes) Have someone read the following Scripture passage, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Then reflect quietly for a moment. Read it again if you like and discuss the following questions.

Acts 20:35: *...the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

- Does the idea that it is better to give than to receive seem true or false to you? Why?

Mark 4:18-19: *Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.*

- In what ways do our “worries, wealth, and wants” hinder our generosity?

Mark 10:23-27: *And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” They were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?” Looking at them, Jesus said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”*

- What is the point Jesus is making here?

REFLECTION: (15 minutes)

- Can you think of a time you were blessed as you gave?
- Is it really possible to not be controlled by our worries, wealth, and wants?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, “With people it is impossible, but not with God”?

SURRENDER: (15 minutes)

- How radically generous is your life? What does your calendar and checkbook say about your generosity?
- In what aspects of generosity—time, money, and possession—do you most feel God wants to grow you?

PRAYER: (10 minutes) Pray for one another in light of what was shared. Pray also that each of you would experience growing radical joy as you seek to align with God’s radical generosity.