

# Generosity

July 26, 2020

THINGS THAT  
**MATTER**

## Group Discussion Guide

### Begin with prayer

As you begin your gathering, have someone open your time by praying the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

### Read this overview

The last several months have been a doozy...to say the least. From the COVID-19 crisis, to racial unrest in America reaching international attention, we've witnessed unprecedented change and tension in our country. During the chaos, we've been reminded of the importance of certain values—and while we've always known they mattered, 2020 has highlighted their significance as never before.

This past weekend Tom taught us about generosity from **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**.

### Scripture + Discussion

Have someone read **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**. Then, discuss the questions below.

- How did this sermon/text deepen your faith? How did it challenge you?
- When have you experienced God's generosity towards you? Recount what that time was like.
- When was the last time you were generous? What led to this? How did it feel to be generous? Did you wrestle with that act of generosity?
- In what ways or at what times do you wrestle with being generous? What confines, explicit or implicit, do you put around being generous towards others? If any?
- How are you currently pursuing the practice of generosity in your own life? Think about this question in terms of your time, your finances and resources, and your talents.
- How might your life be enhanced, your relationship with God enriched, and your understanding of the kingdom of God enlarged by engaging in the practice of generosity in an intentional way?
- How have your past experiences informed how you live generously? Are there events or experiences or people in your life that have caused you to operate out of scarcity instead of abundance? Explain.
- What is God inviting you into as a result of your reflections this week?

### Accountability

Take some time again this week to split your group into smaller or gendered groups and share your answers to the questions below. Be sure to follow up on anything that was shared last week.

- In what ways have you operated out of scarcity instead of abundance?
- Has there ever been a time God was calling you to be generous and you didn't obey him?
- What has your time in the Scriptures been like this week? What is something you learned this week?
- What has your time in prayer been like this week?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What sins do you need to confess right now?
- Have you been 100% honest?

### **Finish with prayer**

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.