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## Priority: Generosity

April 5, 2020

### Reading/Group Discussion

#### Break the virtual ice (5 minutes)

This ice breaker is called “Most Unique” and the goal is to show everyone’s unique backgrounds. Your goal is to find something about you that no one else has in common. It could be a vacation you've been on, an award you've won, or a hobby no one's heard of before.

One-by-one, the group shares something they think is the most unique, and others will speak up if they've also shared that experience. Once someone finds their own most unique fact, it moves on to the next person. At the end of the game, you should have learned new facts about everyone, and have great conversation starters to ask about at another time.

#### Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

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

#### Checking the pulse (10 minutes)

Use a few minutes catching up on how everyone has been. Make sure that everyone has time and space to share what is happening in their lives.

Then, spend a few moments with each person sharing what Scriptures have been resonating with you lately and why.

#### Read this overview

This past weekend, Dan talked about our seventh priority as a church family: **GENEROSITY**. As a church that is #FORTHE317, we want to be known for our outrageous generosity.

God is a generous God. Creation was born out of God’s love and generosity; God gave to Israel time and time again; and God gave of himself in Jesus on the cross. While our culture tells us to be stingy, to hoard, and to be selective with how we are generous, Jesus shows us a different way.

In Jesus, we see that giving is really gaining. Because of this, as a church, we want to prioritize: *Sharing our resources to enrich others and advance God’s kingdom.*

## **Talk through this past weekend's sermon & encourage one another (20-30 minutes)**

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this weekend's sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- When was a time that you went without so that someone else could have? What was that like for you?
- When you hear that one priority of The Creek is that, "We share our resources to enrich others and advance God's Kingdom," how does that make you feel about The Creek? How does that impact your own personal involvement?
- On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your level of generosity? Explain.
- What do you need from your community right now to help you become more like Jesus in this area?
- How have you experienced generosity from Christians in your life?
- How does your family of origin's view of generosity impact your current view of generosity? How does that compare and contrast to the generosity of God?
- In light of what's happening in the world, what is a daily way you can practice generosity? What is a weekly way?
- In what ways has the coronavirus affected your willingness to be generous?
- How do you feel like God is inviting you into greater generosity?
- How does this sermon or the daily work challenge you to live differently?

As a church, we affirm that God is always working. He is always directing, leading, and guiding us. Spend some time discussing what God is inviting you into right now.

- What do you sense God doing **in** you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing **around** you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing **through** you that you need courage for?

## **Spend time thinking through how your group can be #FORTHE317 (5 minutes)**

Try asking the following:

- How can we serve one another?
- How can you best serve your family in this time?
- What is a way that we can best serve our neighbors in this time?

## **Finish with prayer (5-10 minutes)**

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.