

TALK IT OVER

Generous Like Jesus

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT); John 10:10 (NIV); Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV); Acts 20:33-35 (NIV); Proverbs 14:21 (NKJV); Acts 4:36-37 (NLT); Matthew 5:16 (NIV); Proverbs 11:25 (NLT); 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT)

Questions

1. Second Corinthians 8:9 reminds us that Jesus gave up the riches of heaven and became poor so that we could become rich through him. What does his example teach us about living generously? How can we become more willing to give our time, resources, and attention to others?
2. Generosity is not just about money; it is also about how we treat people. When we choose to forgive, serve, and put others first, God begins to change the way we see life. What makes it difficult to be generous with our forgiveness, time, or kindness? What is one area where you need to change your perspective?
3. In Acts 20:33–35, Paul reminds us that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Why does giving bring us more joy than receiving? Share a time when you were the recipient of someone's generosity and a time when helping someone else brought you happiness. Compare the two experiences.

4. Jesus tells us to let our light shine through our good deeds so that others will glorify God. How can our generosity help others see Jesus in us? What are some practical ways you can show generosity at home, at work, in your neighborhood, or in your community? What gets in the way of generosity?
5. Proverbs 11:25 teaches that those who refresh others will also be refreshed. How have you seen generosity bring encouragement, hope, or strength to someone? What might God be asking you to give or share with someone who needs help right now?
6. Paul teaches that God loves a cheerful giver and wants us to give willingly rather than out of pressure. What is the difference between giving because we feel we have to and giving because we want to?
7. If generosity is one of the clearest ways we reflect Jesus, what needs to change in us so that people see more of him through us?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** ***What point in this message was most impactful for you?***
2. **What do you think?** ***How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?***
3. **What will you do***? **How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?***