

# Small Group Guide

Week of  
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The Path of  
Generosity



## Icebreaker



- What's something you were incredibly generous with as a child? (e.g., toys, candy, etc.)
- Have you ever received an unexpected gift or favor that meant a lot to you? What was it?



## Discussion Questions



- How do you relate to the different "stages" of giving in the sermon: conditional, casual, compassionate, considerate, and sacrificial? What stage feels most familiar to you?
- How does "grace-based giving" challenge or inspire you compared to simply giving out of obligation?
- In what ways have you seen generosity impact your faith or the faith of others?
- Why do you think generosity is described as an "overflow" of grace in our lives? How does this perspective shift how we think about giving?
- Reflecting on 2 Corinthians 8, why do you think the Macedonian church gave so freely despite their poverty? What does this say about generosity and trust?
- How does understanding that "all we have belongs to God" impact the way you view generosity? What are some areas in life where this perspective might be challenging?
- How do you personally handle the tension between giving sacrificially and managing practical financial needs?
- What would a step toward "Christlike sacrificial generosity" look like for you personally or as a family?
- As a church community, what are some ways we could practice generosity that deeply reflects God's grace?



## Thought for the Group



Lets dive into a topic that can feel a bit uncomfortable—our money. But it's really not just about dollars and cents; it's about the heart behind our giving. We're challenged to put Jesus over everything, including our finances, and to see generosity as a natural response to God's incredible grace in our lives.

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul shares about the Macedonian churches. Even though they didn't have much, they gave generously and joyfully. Why? Because they focused less on what they lacked and more on what God had done for them. They didn't think, "What's the least I can give?" but instead, "How much can I give to bless others?" Their generosity flowed from a deep joy in Christ.

What stands out, is this idea that generosity is a response to God's grace. The Macedonian believers don't give out of obligation or pressure; they give because they're moved by what God has done for them. God wants us to get to this place where giving isn't about rules or amounts but about saying, "Jesus, thank You. I want my life to reflect Your love and generosity."

So, here's the big question: How do we let Jesus guide us into a lifestyle of generosity? Instead of asking, "How much do I have to give?" we can ask, "How can my giving be an act of worship and trust?" Generosity isn't just about finances; it's a chance to say, "Jesus, You're over everything—my money, my life, my heart."



## Next Steps



- Reflect on where you currently are in the journey of generosity. Decide on one tangible way you can grow toward consistent or sacrificial giving this month.
- This week, set aside 5–10 minutes daily to ask God how He wants to use your resources for His purposes. Pray for guidance on what "Jesus over my dollars" looks like in your life and how He might want you to respond with open hands.