

I Declare: Generosity

Week 6

Discussion Guide



Icebreaker

What is the most generous thing you have done for someone else or the most generous thing someone has done for you?

Read

Take turns reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Discuss

Paul begins with a principle of generosity: the measure you give is the measure you receive. But it is not just about "getting back." It is about cultivating a heart that wants to give. Giving should be intentional, voluntary and joyful.

- **What does it mean to "sow generously" in your life? How is this different from just giving out of obligation?**
- **How do you feel when you give reluctantly versus cheerfully? Why does the attitude of the heart matter?**
- **Have you experienced a time when giving brought more joy than receiving? What does that teach about the value of generosity?**
- **What are ways that you can move from generosity being an occasional act to it being a habit?**

In verses 8-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians that God provides the ability to give. Generosity is an act of worship. It is an opportunity to respond to what we have been given. We have received the most incredible gift of love, grace, and mercy from God. God promises sufficiency so that we can continue to give and participate in His work.

- **How does trusting that God provides all you need impact your willingness to give?**
- **How can trusting God with your resources affect your decisions about money, time, or talents in daily life?**
- **What resources (time, skills, relationships, money) do you feel you could use more intentionally to help others?**

Paul emphasizes the blessing of generosity in verses 12-15. Our giving not only meets practical needs, but also glorifies God, deepens relationships and inspires thanksgiving. Generosity creates a ripple effect. What we give can multiply in ways we may never fully see. Giving is God's grace flowing through us.

- **How have you seen generosity create ripple effect in someone's life?**
- **What does it mean to you that generosity results in thanksgiving to God?**
- **In what ways can you participate in God's work through generosity? Locally, regionally, or globally?**
- **How might your giving inspire others to trust God and give as well?**

Application

Generosity is not just about money. It is a declaration of trust, a reflection of God's character and a way to bless others. Take a few minutes to reflect personally on the following questions:

- **How generous are you with your time, gifts and money?**
- **What holds you back from being generous?**
- **Where might God be inviting you to give for the first time or to give more intentionally or cheerfully?**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer asking God to give you a heart that is cheerful and willing to give.