



Life Group Discussion Guide

November 17 – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 My Honor: Cultivating Generosity

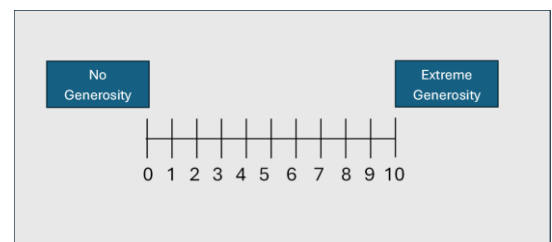
Icebreaker:

Tell an epic success or epic fail you've had with growing plants.

Discussion Questions:

1. Foundational reminder: God owns all the earth. Ask someone to read **2 Cor 9:6-15**.
2. Share a time when someone was generous towards you. How did it impact you? What was your response? Did it motivate you to be generous towards another?
3. If giving is like planting:
 - a. How long will it take for a seed to germinate and sprout?
 - b. How much control do we have over germination and sprouting?
4. Think about what you are doing with the seeds God has granted to you (time, possessions, relationships, money, family, etc...). There are really only two options: Store or plant! Brainstorm ways Christian people plant and ways they store.
5. Self-inspection: Where is your generosity meter landing?
Set your personal scale from 0 to 10 for the following:
(but no pressure to share in the group)

- Time serving or doing tasks for someone
- Possessions
- Time building relationships with a spiritual intent
- Money
- Prayer time



If you aren't satisfied with the amount of your sowing, then pray and act. There is no intent to create guilt or pressure. This is really about your relationship with God and being generous with the seeds you have been blessed to receive.

6. What are the 3 principles of Cultivating Generosity?
7. It is easy to see that sowing is not "net neutral" when we use plants as the example. What could help us see sowing our time, possessions, money and relationships as net positive? Remember: Generosity's deeper purpose is to reflect God's grace.

Generosity Opportunities (*We encourage you to select one opportunity for your group to grow in generosity or create your own opportunity for your group!*)

1. Commit to generosity within the group. (*Recognize that will look different for every person.*)
2. Option 1: High Involvement
 - a. Have each person write down a need they have (preferred) or they know about.
 - b. Go around the group and share the need. Before going to the next person, make an action plan about how the group can help meet the need. Have an owner and expected completion date for each plan.
 - c. Be meticulous about recording the need, owner and action for each. Have someone appointed as the follow up person to make sure the actions are done. Having needs met is humbling. Stating a need and having it lost is demoralizing and we want to make sure that doesn't happen to anyone.
3. Option 2: Medium Involvement
 - a. Ask every member to commit to selecting at least one gift from the Blessing Tree.
4. Option 3: Low Involvement
 - a. Be generous with your time and go serve as a group! This could be with one of our [local ministries](#) or you could serve as a Life Group at our upcoming Christmas Eve Services.
5. Pray.
6. Report back in the next 1 or 2 meetings about the impact of your generosity.