

# Generous

## Leader Conversation Guide – Generous (Part I)

### Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt kicked off a brand-new series ‘Generous’. In this series we will explore what it means to be generous and how to live beyond ourselves. When we talk about money, PC makes it clear. We don’t want anything from you, we want all that God has for you. When it comes to finances, PC asked the question, “Is your way working?” The question being asked isn’t do you have a bunch of money, but is there margin in your life? Are you living a blessed life? In this message we take a look at the Parable of the Lost Son in Luke 15 and the paths of the two sons in the parable. If you are in over your head when it comes to finances, you need to first identify “How did I get here?” Once you identify how you got there, Pastor Curt gave us 4 tips on “How do I get out of here?”

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.**

**MATTHEW 16:24**

### Make it Practical: How Do I Get Out of Here?

- Face the music. Luke 15:17 reads, “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’” At some point, we need to get back to reality, and acknowledge that God’s plan was the right plan all along.
- Formulate a real plan. In Luke 15:18-19, we see the son put into action the realization that his way, was not the best way. Romans 12:2 tells us, “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.”
- Fix it now. Ecclesiastes 11:4 reminds us, “If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.” It was in his lowest moment, among the pigs, that the son chose to move back to his father. He didn’t “wait for things to settle,” he acted immediately.
- Find help from your Heavenly Father. Luke 15:20-21 says, “So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

## Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- Are you feeding something that will never feed you?
- Are you waiting for someone else to fix a problem you created?

**Maturity = the ability to trade what you want now for what you want most**

## Prayer

Jesus, thank You that you have made a way for us to return to the Father. Despite our failures and disappointments, You await us with open arms. Holy Spirit, Teach us to be mindful with the resources you have blessed us with, and to use the gift of generosity to bless others in return. Guide us on the right path that leads to wholeness, and away from destruction. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

## Leader Tip

Encourage Group Members who may be struggling financially to join a Financial Peace University Group next semester.