

# GENEROUS

## Leader Conversation Guide – Generous: It’s a Choice

### Main Idea

Generosity isn’t just something God calls us to do, it’s something He empowers us to live. Scripture shows us that the generous life isn’t measured by what we achieve or accumulate, but by what we give away. From the Macedonian believers who gave beyond their ability, to Paul’s reminder that “it is more blessed to give than to receive,” we see that generosity begins with the heart. It’s a reflection of God’s character within us. The One who “so loved the world that He gave.”

This week’s message reminds us that generosity is a choice that shapes who we become. When we give joyfully, selflessly, willingly, intentionally, and thankfully, we’re not just meeting needs; we’re partnering with God to make an eternal impact. As we open our hearts today, let’s remember that the world of the generous truly gets larger and larger. God enriches us in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion, and through that generosity, He receives glory.

**You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

### Make it Practical:

Generosity is a choice that shapes who we become.

- The choices we make determine the kind of person we will be. When we choose to live generously, we reflect God’s heart and invite His blessing into our lives.
- Proverbs 11:24–25; Proverbs 2:11

Generosity begins with the heart, not the amount.

- True giving flows from a willing and joyful heart. God values our willingness more than what we give, and He calls us to give joyfully, selflessly, and intentionally.
- 2 Corinthians 8:1–12; 2 Corinthians 9:7

Generosity multiplies God’s impact and brings Him glory.

- When we give, God enriches us so we can keep being generous. Our generosity meets needs, strengthens others, and results in thanksgiving to God.
- 2 Corinthians 9:10–11; Acts 20:35

## Talk About It

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul commends the Macedonian believers for giving even in the midst of hardship. What do their example and attitude toward giving reveal about the connection between generosity and trust in God?

Think about the statement: “The value of life isn’t determined by how much I achieve or accumulate but by how much of my life I give away.” How does this challenge the way our culture defines success, and what might it look like to live this truth out practically?

God calls us to give joyfully, selflessly, willingly, intentionally and thankfully. Which of these is most challenging for you right now, and what step could you take this week to grow in that area of generosity?

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## Prayer

Father, thank You for showing us what true generosity looks like through the gift of Your Son. Help us to live with open hands and open hearts, trusting You as our provider. Teach us to give joyfully, selflessly, and intentionally, so that our lives reflect Your goodness and bring You glory. May our generosity point others to Jesus and result in thanksgiving to You. In Your name we pray, amen.

## Next Steps

Ask God to grow your heart of generosity.

- Spend time in prayer this week asking God to reveal any areas where you may be holding back and to help you trust Him more fully with your resources.

Look for an opportunity to give intentionally.

- Whether it’s your time, talent, or treasure, choose one specific way to bless someone else this week and do it with joy.

Practice gratitude daily.

- Take a few moments each day to thank God for His goodness and faithfulness. A thankful heart fuels a generous spirit.