

LIFEGROUPS - Facilitator Notes

Generosity: Part 1 – The Spirit of Generosity



Suggested Icebreaker: Can you tell a time when you gave or received a generous gift or act?

Generosity means: Nobleness of souls, liberality, full of spirit, as wine, courageous.

Word: Key Text: Psalm 51: 12 (Read) "...and uphold me by Your generous Spirit."

Note: God didn't just do some generous things, generosity describes Him. He is a generous spirit!

Q: What is one of the most generous things God has ever done?

A: The Cross – The ultimate act of generosity.

Read: Hebrews 12:2 "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame"

Q: What was the generous gift called?

A: Grace (unmerited favour)

Changed Into His Image

Read: Romans 5:6-8 "...but God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Note: God is about changing us into the image of His Son. From the moment we are 'born again,' His spirit works in us so that we may grow up into Him.

If we are going to be more like Him we will grow in our generosity.

Read: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Q: Who is changing us?

A: Holy Spirit.

Q: What are we being changed into?

A: His image.

Generosity From Within

Read: John 7:37-39 "He who believes in Me as the scripture has said out of his heart/inner most being, will flow rivers of living water.

A generous heart is always wanting to give, whether it's their time, their talent, or their treasure.

Note: It costs nothing to simply 'GIVE A SMILE.'

Q: When was the last time you were generous towards someone? How did it affect the person receiving? And how did it affect you?

An old saying: "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

Q: Have you ever felt to give or do something for someone, but never did? How did it make you feel?

Read: Deuteronomy 28:47-48

Q: Why was God displeased with them in the above scripture? Name two areas.

A: Weren't serving the Lord with joy and gladness of heart. Were ungrateful for the abundant blessing

Aim to be generous in Love, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Affirmation, Power, Friendship, Hope.

Q: What area/areas do you act generously? What areas still need work

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