

# LIFEGROUPS - Facilitator Notes

## Generosity: Part 2 – Change begins with me



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**Q:** What was God requiring of the people under the reign of Hezekiah to open the window of blessing.

**A:** To get rid of all the idols established in the city and the hearts of the people under the reign of Ahaz

**Note:** Change requires us to assess our priorities.

**Q:** What are some idols that need cleaning out of your life?

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**Note:** Hezekiah was decisive, taking action to bring about change for the whole nation.

**Q:** What was Hezekiah’s intention?

**A:** To make a covenant with God to bring the nation back into the open window of the blessing of God by bringing the people back into right relationship with God.

**Read:** 2 Chronicles 29: 11 *“My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before him and serve him, to minister before him and to burn incense.”*

**Note:** Do not neglect what God has put before you.

**Q:** Is generosity able to come out of a state of negligence?

**A:** No.

**Read:** Matthew 25: 13-29 *“For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.”*

**Q:** V.29. What is God’s response to those who do not neglect what the LORD has chosen for you?

**A:** God gives increase.

**Q:** Why do you think God gives us increase? Give your thoughts on this.

**A:** To nurture generosity.

**Read:** 2 Chronicles 29: 15 *“When they had assembled their brothers and consecrated themselves, they went in to purify the temple of the LORD, as the king had ordered, following the word of the LORD.”*

**Note:** We need to have our hearts open to being purified to allow God to bring about change.

**Q:** Are the temple doors of your heart open to allow God to move and change

**Note:** Righteousness and generosity go hand in hand as the love of God flows out through you to touch others.

**Read:** 2 Chronicles 31: 1-18

**Q:** Where did the generosity which came through clearing out and purifying the temple flow?

**A:** Through the town bringing joy into the land again.

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