

The Transformative Power of Generosity

Small Group Discussion Guide

1. The Influence of Money

Money is necessary for life, but it can easily gain too much influence over our hearts and priorities.

- a. Read: Matthew 6:24
- b. What is one message about money you often hear in our culture (money = _____)?
- c. In what ways do you see money influencing people's decisions or values in our culture?
- d. When have you personally felt the stress or pull of money in your life?

2. The Lie That More Will Satisfy

The world tells us that more money, more possessions, or a better lifestyle will bring happiness and security.

- a. Read: Ecclesiastes 5:10; 1 Timothy 6:6–10
- b. What are some signs that someone may be believing the lie that more will satisfy (ie. Complain, compare, dream about what to do with more, etc.)?
- c. How can generosity help cultivate contentment?

3. The Lie of Delay

It's easy to think generosity should come later—after debts are paid, savings grow, or life feels more secure.

- a. Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1–5
- b. What stands out to you about the Macedonian believers in this passage?
- c. How does giving help us grow in trust toward God?
- d. What have you learned about your finances through budgeting? How can budgeting help you grow in generosity?

4. The Lie of Ownership

The world teaches that everything we earn belongs entirely to us, but Scripture teaches that we are stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

- a. Read: Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Chronicles 29:14
- b. What does it mean to see ourselves as stewards rather than owners?
- c. How might this perspective change the way we spend, save, or give?

5. The Gospel and Generosity

Jesus calls us to serve God rather than money. His generosity toward us becomes the foundation for our generosity toward others.

- a. How does the generosity of Jesus shape our view of giving?
- b. In what ways does generosity help free us from the grip of money?

6. Personal Reflection

Take a moment to quietly consider:

- a. Where do I struggle most with trusting God in my finances?

b. What is one step toward generosity God might be inviting me to take?

Prayer

- For hearts that trust God rather than money
- For contentment and freedom from greed
- For wisdom and generosity in how we steward what God has entrusted to us