Riverwood **Growth Group**

DISCUSSIONGUIDE

Forward with Generosity (Forward #3)

Week of ***February 16, 2020***

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What is one of the greatest gifts you've ever received? What made it so special?

DISCUSSION

Read Acts 4:32-37

1. As we read last week, those who were a part of the early Church "were of one heart and soul" (v. 32a).
   a. What actions did the early Church engage in that reveals this "one heart and soul" unity? (v. 32b; see also ***Acts 2:44-45***)

   b. How should a church in our modern age respond to this passage?

2. a. How does the generous giving of the Church (v. 32 & 34) relate to the testimony of the resurrection of Christ as given by the apostles (v 33)?

   b. How might your generosity be part of sharing your faith?

3. a. In light of verses 34-37, how would you describe the generosity of the early Church?

   b. Do you think this type of generosity is difficult? Why or why not?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Oftentimes we discover that the closer we are with God, the more we become like Him. And because God is unfathomably generous, He is shaping us and making us generous like Him as well!

4. What is one way you can move forward in generosity toward others?

5. What is one way you can share "the testimony of the resurrection of Jesus" generously with others?

MEMORY VERSE

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24)

PRAYER

Close in prayer by thanking God for His generous gift of salvation through Jesus. Ask God to empower us to live generously toward one another and a watching world.