



Sermon Discussion Guide

As the discussion leader, there are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the sermon and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to the meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group.
- Read the passage as a group before launching into a discussion.

Text: Selected Scriptures

Getting to Know Me:

- Which historical sporting event would you like to witness?
- Would you rather live for a week in the past or the future?
- What was the most significant thing you learned from the message today?

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you define generosity? What qualities do you associate with generous people? What is one area of your life in which you can become more generous?
2. What does the saying, "You can't out give God!" mean to you? How does this concept effect how we think about generosity in our lives?
3. In 2 Corinthians 8:2, Paul said that despite the extreme poverty and hardships the Christians in Macedonia had to endure, they were, "filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity" (NLT). What is the difference between joy and happiness? How does living a generous lifestyle give a person joy? How does a person develop an attitude of joy and generosity in all circumstances?
4. Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap" (ESV). How have you seen the principle of the harvest play out in your life in finances and other areas? Knowing this to be true, why is it still hard for most people to give generously of their time, ability and resources? For you personally, what has been the hardest thing to give fully to God?
5. Read Matthew 25:19-29. In what way is giving generously a test of our faithfulness? How does this apply to more than money? What talent, ability and/or resource do you feel God has given you to be used generously for his kingdom?
6. It says in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (NLT). How did Christ serve as a model for us to follow in our giving? What are the characteristics of a generous lifestyle? Of those characteristics you listed, where do you need to grow the most?