

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NOVEMBER 2/3 | WHAT MATTERS?
THE BIRTH OF GENEROSITY

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. As you think about taking a deep dive into "Money Matters"—what are your hopes, where do you want to grow, what are your fears or biggest challenge?

DIGGING IN

1. This week we looked at the "Grace Effect"—how God's grace births generosity. Pick two of the following passages and note what sparked the generous response, as well as how the people responded to God's grace:
 - a. Abraham and Melchizedek, Genesis 14:15-24
 - b. Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-9
 - c. The woman with perfume, Luke 7:37-43
2. God's grace changed the Macedonian church. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Note the challenges (v 2) they had that could have kept them from giving, note also how their giving is described (vv 3-4), finally note the priority or order of their giving (v 5). What are you learning about God's grace and giving?
3. Tim Keller writes, "...if Jesus stayed rich, we would die poor, if He died poor, we could become rich." Read about God's rich grace and its transforming power in our lives in Ephesians 1:7, 2:5, 8-10.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. How is God's Word challenging you to change your thinking and behavior around money and generosity? What could be your next step?
2. As a group, decide on the top three barriers to living generously and share what you have learned and give ideas on how to break through those with God's help.
3. Share how you can keep God's grace front and center in your lives.
4. Thank and praise God for His mercy and grace as you celebrate communion together (grab some bread/crackers and juice) and read 1 Corinthians 11:23-28. Leave time for confession as you remember the one who became poor so that we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).