

# CrossPoint Community Guide

Untangled: The Joy of a Generous Life | From Clenched Fists to Open Hands

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## DINNER & DELIGHT

45 minutes

- During dinner, reflect on last week's practice: **Where did God reveal the pursuit of more that has tangled your heart? Take one tangible step to live rich in God.**

 **Facilitator Tip:** There's a lot to get through today so be sure to keep track of time so you don't miss out of the *practice and implement* section!

## LEARN & STUDY

20 minutes

**Read together:** 2 Cor 8v1-9, 9v6-8

- **How does Paul connect grace and generosity in this passage?**  
What does verse 2 Corinthians 8v9 reveal about the source of true generosity?
- **Compare the world's model of money (scarcity, control, *more*) with the model Paul presents to followers of Jesus.**  
What is fundamentally different?
- **According to 2 Corinthians 9:6–8, how do our *attitude* and *intentionality* in giving shape both the act of generosity and its outcome?**  
What does this reveal about God's heart toward the giver?

 **Facilitator Tip:** The next question is to transition from Learn & Study to Practice & Implement. Invite your group to share how this truth has and is changing their lives.

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*Keep this in mind as you work through the practice and implement questions.*

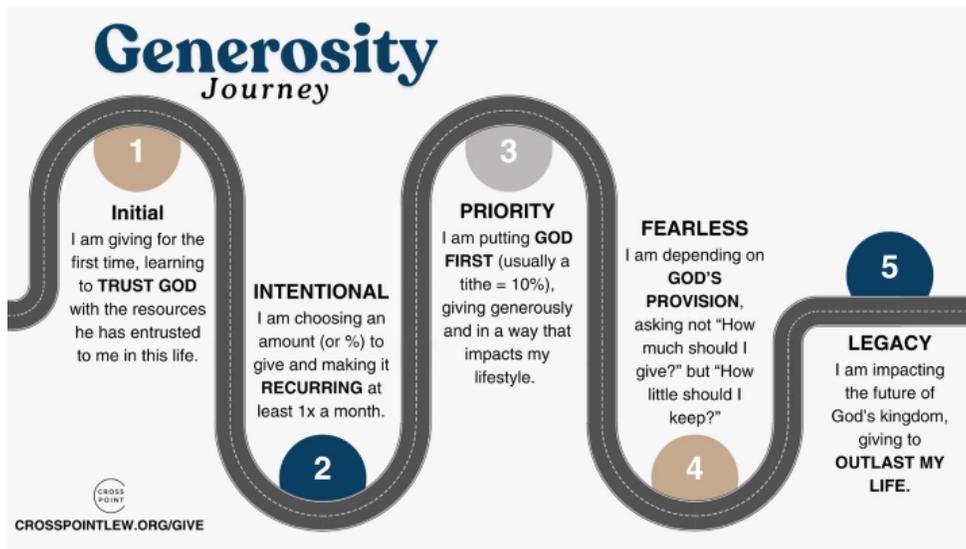
## PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT

40 minutes

 **Facilitator Tip:** The following questions are meant to get at the heart of generosity. When working through the questions, help people share personally and presently. It's easy (and tempting) to rely on past experiences or focus on others rather than ourselves. As the facilitator, lead by example and create a safe place for everyone to share.

## RIGHT NOW:

- **Nate shared that generosity often feels offensive, because it grinds against the lifestyle we think we want.**  
Where do you most experience *clenched fists* right now—fear of scarcity, desire for control, the pursuit of more, etc.?
- **Where are you on the generosity journey?**  
What is one next step God is inviting you to take?
- **How would your giving change if you truly viewed generosity as a privilege rather than an obligation?**



## THIS WEEK: Spend time with God, reflecting on these questions:

- What is one planned act of generosity you can practice this week?
  - *Opportunities:* Begin giving recurring, increase giving by 1%, engage in God & Money Equipping Course, Steward Seminars, and Journey of Generosity (JOG) Retreat
- What is one quiet act of generosity you can practice this week?
  - *Opportunities:* Bless a neighbor, coworker, friend with no strings attached

## REFLECT & PRAY

15 minutes

### Pair up and pray

- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?
- Together, pray, "Jesus, show me where the pursuit of *more* has tangled my heart. Spirit, help me to practice moving from close fists to open hands this week. Amen."

➡ **NEXT WEEK:** Gen 2v15, Ps 24v1, Luke 16v10-11

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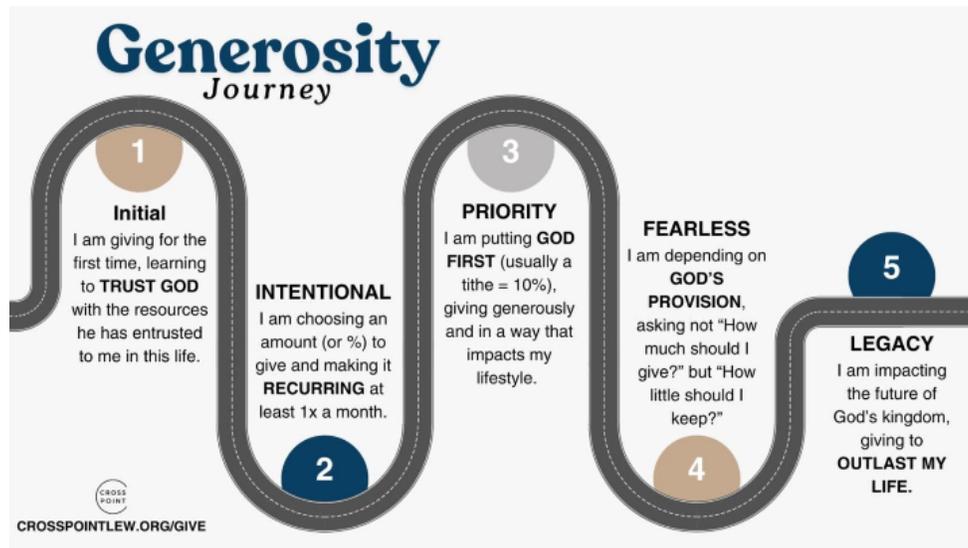
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