



Webinar Leader's Guide



Generosity

Question 1: How does the church teach generosity, as more than giving tithes and as offerings, but rather as a hallmark of being a follower of Jesus Christ?

BEING GENEROUS STARTS WITH BEING HOSPITABLE: Take the people from inside the four walls of your church and go out into the community. Be welcoming and identify not only their needs but also ways you can meet those needs expecting anything in return.

WE AREN'T BORN GENEROUS: As we grow in the Lord and our life is transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can renew our mind and learn what the Word says about generosity.

GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY GO HAND IN HAND: We can teach gratitude; it starts by saying thank you in all situations. When we aren't thankful, we may not give as often and are at risk of developing a hoarding mentality by keeping God's blessings to ourselves.

GENEROSITY IS SOMETIMES A SACRIFICE: What are you sacrificing so you can give? God will do through you what He is doing in you.

Question 2: What opportunities can we provide for our people to practice generosity outside the walls of our church?

BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TESTIMONY: Proverbs 11 says a generous person will flourish. Leaders can model generosity by giving their time to serve their local communities. Having a generous heart isn't about money, but about having a grateful heart and sharing what you have with others.

SHIFT THE PERSPECTIVE: If we have a plate mentality, where we expect to be served, we can shift to a towel mentality and look for opportunities to serve. How can we serve our community? Seek out people to whom we can show the love of Jesus.

THE SEASON OF SOWING AND REAPING: Paul said in 2 Corinthians 9:6–11 that whoever sows generously will reap generously, and whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly. Although our culture is changing, the laws of God do not change, and we will always reap what we sow. The farmer doesn't reap the harvest before he plants the seeds.



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Discussion Questions

Take a few minutes to continue this conversation with your team.

1. What are some practical ways that we as individuals and as a church can be more generous?
2. What are the needs in our community? How can we go about meeting these needs?
3. Do we have a plate mentality or a towel mentality? How can we teach about generosity in practical ways?

Resource Highlights

- Bible Fact-Pack Question Cards: MyHealthyChurch.com
- Fire Bible (all ages): MyHealthyChurch.com
- Bible Engagement Project: <https://BibleEngagementProject.com/>
- Radiant Life (Sunday School Curriculum): MyHealthyChurch.com
- Girls Ministries: <https://ngm.ag.org/>
- Royal Rangers: <https://royalrangers.com>
- Assemblies of God World Missions: Wideopenmissions.org