



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of November 17, 2019

A VISION FOR GENEROSITY

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **High/Low**. This is a good warm-up for groups who are familiar. Instructions: Each member simply shares their high (best moment) and their low (not-so best moment) for the week.

TRANSITION: As you're gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER**.

45 MIN | A VISION FOR GENEROSITY

PROVERBS 11:24-25 (NIV) "One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

- God hard-wired you to be generous.

PROVERBS 11:24-25 (MSG) "The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller."

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

- "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."—*Winston Churchill*

FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT GENEROSITY

1. Generosity Is Not Just About Money.

- We can be generous with our time, our talents, and our treasure.

2. Generosity Is Not An Obligation.

- Giving under pressure isn't giving.

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7. MATTHEW 6:21; LUKE 11:42

- Generosity is about the heart. Your heart is attached to your money.

3. Generosity Is A Response.

- We give because God gave.

SEE GENESIS 12:2-3; DEUTERONOMY 14:23; PROVERBS 3:9-10

- › Strategic Giving: Putting God first in your finances, your time, your relationships, your family, your business.
- › Spontaneous Giving: As the Lord leads.
- › Sacrificial giving: Isn't sacrificial until it hurts a little.

4. Generosity is Rewarded.

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-11

5. Generosity is about Eternity.

PROVERBS 21:26

- Q1.** In what areas are you ace-ing it in generosity (finances, time, talents, relationships, family, business)?

- Q2.** In what area or areas could you make a one percent adjustment?

- Q3.** When it comes to your finances, do you tend to call the shots, do you pray and submit your financial decisions to the Lord, or somewhere in between?

- Q4.** Describe a time when you felt like God asked you to be spontaneously or sacrificially generous and you obeyed. What was the outcome? How did you feel about it?

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS