This journal is about you. It’s about what God has done, is doing, and wants to do in your life and through your life. It’s a tool we’ve developed to help you process through and “unpack” some of the topics we will be discussing during this time. We won’t ask you to give this journal back to us because we want you to keep it, to refer back to it, and ultimately, to reflect on the thoughts you’ve had and the notes you’ve made during this special time together.

Some of the questions asked in this journal may be easy for you to answer. Others may take some time to really think through. Our hope is that as you spend time thinking about the impact that you can make through generosity, this simple notebook will become a catalyst that helps you clarify what matters most to you, how God wants to work through your life and resources, and the next steps you plan to take after our time together.

No matter where you are on your journey of spiritual growth with God, we absolutely believe that God has more to come and that the most life-changing, the most influential, and the most personally engaging days of your life still lie ahead. It’s our privilege to press on with you as you take next steps with God.

-Dave

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”- Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)
Questions for Reflection

Who has had the most impact on my life in the area of generosity?  
(This could be a spouse, a teacher, a church leader, someone in your Small Group, a family member, a friend, a public figure)

Do I believe that my life choices can influence others?  
How have I seen it happen, either for the positive or for the negative?

How might I be more strategic and intentional about how my life influences others to look more like Christ?
Questions for Reflection

Do I see money as a tool for God or a tool for me? Reflect on this as honestly as you can.

If I had an area where God is asking me to stop spending, it would be:

If I asked myself the question, “What am I not giving and why,” how would I answer that question? What areas immediately come to mind that you would not feel comfortable “explaining” to someone when asked why you didn’t give that portion?

Some sacrificial choices we make are large, and others are small. Sometimes there are choices we have made in our past that may be affecting the margins we have for generosity in the present. Is there something you feel is preventing you from having true, sacrificial giving? What is God asking you to do about it?
Questions for Reflection

What giving experience has caused me to become closer to God?

How does my giving compare to other financial investments I make on a recurring basis? (cell phone bill, mortgage payment, gym membership, entertainment)

Am I giving in a way that still changes me, or has it become comfortable and routine?

Have I shared my giving story with others? Could my story be an inspiration to help others on their journey? How might God use my strengths and my struggles in this area for His glory?
Questions for Reflection

When I think of someone I know who has left a legacy of generosity, who is that person?

What am I intentionally doing right now to ensure that my children or others whom I influence around me are learning values of generosity?

Thus far in my life, on what have I spent the most financial resources?

Do I make larger financial decisions such as a home purchase or a car purchase based on my desire to ensure I can still have a legacy of generosity? Or is it based on other things?