Week 5 | LEADER GUIDE

All In | Generosity Will Be Your Greatest Legacy

ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMITMENT

Either this past Sunday, or in the days and weeks ahead, most of the people in your small group will make a generosity commitment. For anyone who's ever taken a step accompanied with a commitment to ongoing faith, you know the importance of accountability. Your small group is the best place to foster open and honest relationships that will help the people in your group stay grounded in God's Word and prayer throughout their commitment. Accountability helps us grow as disciples. It's why Jesus had 12 and sent them out in pairs. Discipleship to Jesus was never intended to be a solo mission.

Here are some practical steps you could help people in your group take:

1. Share Commitments with Trusted Believers

Proverbs 27|17 teaches us, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." If your group has a baseline of trust with each other, you can encourage sharing in the group. If your group is newer or you haven't built that level of trust yet, encourage everyone to share their commitment with a mentor, coach, or accountability partner.

2. Regular Check-Ins

Establish times to review your generosity commitments with your group. Give opportunities for your group to discuss ongoing next steps around generosity. These check-ins provide opportunities for reflection, encouragement, and course correction if needed.

3. Pray Together

Ask for God's guidance, wisdom, and provision as you seek to honor Him with your generosity. Praying together specifically about your commitment strengthens unity and reliance on God.

4. Be Transparent About Challenges

As you build trust through sharing your commitments, checking in, and prayer... you create opportunities to foster an environment where your group can discuss obstacles, temptations, or struggles. This vulnerability allows others to provide support, prayer, and encouragement to persevere.

Resources:

Guidebooks (highlight the Commitment card page... consider going over it as a group)

Generosity Discipleship Tool

<u>Right Now Media</u> has several generosity studies. We highly recommend: "Practicing the Way: Generosity Practice." Quite a bit of the content for this series comes from that material.

<u>Freed Up</u> (\$99) is a Biblically-based financial management tool. If you think you or someone in your group could use a tool like this, we recommend it. There is a cost to get the notebook and app.

Next Step Groups: if you think your group or someone in your group would benefit from Financial Peace University or a similar type group focused on generosity, please reach out to your network leader, small groups pastor or campus pastor for more information about what groups are happening soon at your campus.

GATHER

- Did anything surprise you about your budget this week?
- What have you already begun to change in your life as a result of learning about generosity?
- What challenges continue to surface in your heart when it comes to money and generosity?

DISCUSS

Did anything stand out from this week's teaching that you'd like to discuss?

Read Luke 12|13-21

- What stood out to you in this parable?
- What does it say about generosity?
- What does it say about God?
- How can we live differently in light of this teaching?

PRACTICE

Make a plan to follow through on your commitment.

Make a plan to EXECUTE THE COMMITMENT you made on Sunday. If you weren't there on Sunday, start by making a commitment.

If you want to become a generous person, then you will need more than good intentions; you will need a plan. Here's a short exercise designed to help you prayerfully make a plan for generosity. If you are married or have children, we again recommend you walk through this together.

PRAYER

How can we be praying for one another?