

Journey of Generosity

Church Staff & Leadership Discussion Guide



Tim Keller Teaching

What stood out to you?

What do you spend your money on effortlessly?
How does this indicate what you truly treasure?

Do you think you struggle with greed at some level? If so, how does it show up in your life?

What do you think of Tim's comment that if we believe the Gospel, we'll live radically generous lives?

Greg & Alison Baumer

What stood out to you?

Greg mentions he and Alison are more inclined to spend, whereas John is more inclined to save. Who do you most identify with? What drives you toward spending or saving?

Greg mentions that his car is a daily reminder that his value is not in his stuff, or how he looks in the eyes of others. Is there anything like that in your life?

How do you respond to the financial transparency of the Board of Directors for Life? What about that kind of transparency sounds exciting? What feels scary?

Inductive Bible Study

What stood out to you?

Are there more promises or commands in this passage? What do you notice about that?

Some say that generous acts are the apologetics of our day. How does this passage support this idea?

The Big Give (Part 1)

What stood out to you?

What touches your heart about this story?

One of Branden and Ashley's friends said, "They received the gift of money, but we received the gift of joy and love because we gave." Have you ever experienced those kinds of emotions in giving? What has been your experience?

Lucy shared how she was hurting for Ashley and felt the Holy Spirit say to her, "Well, do something about it." Have you ever felt the Spirit nudging you to meet the needs of your community?

Alan and Katherine Barnhart

What stood out to you?

Accountability with others has been important for Alan and Katherine. What could financial accountability look like in your life?

Katherine authentically shared, "We've missed a little of the good stuff." How do you react to their sacrificial decisions?

Nathan said, "Generosity is a heart thing, not a financial thing. It's how we respond to the Gospel and what God has given us." How does hearing from their son influence your thinking about the stewardship decisions they have made?

As Katherine reflected on what her children would tell their children, she hoped they would say, "She loved God with her whole heart and she was courageous." What do you hope is said about you?

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Renee Lockey

What stood out to you?

What is your reaction to what Renee heard God say to her: "I want you to work like a doctor and live like a nurse."?

If you put yourself in Renee's shoes and think about living below your means in order to give more generously, what goes through your mind?

What are the benefits and risks of saving less aggressively?

Have you ever had an international experience that impacted your view of what God has entrusted to you?

What do you think contributed to Renee's greater sense of freedom?

Tom and Bree Hsieh

What stood out to you?

Bree suggests that there is no formula for giving other than to ask Jesus and listen to Him. Does that feel scary? Intriguing? Inviting? How might you move further in that direction?

God surprised the Hsieh's with an amazing honeymoon after they made a lifestyle decision that changed their honeymoon plans. Do you tend to trust God to generously take care of you, or do you tend to feel like you need to take care of yourself?

What do you think about the decision the Hsiehs made to live on the median household income, despite great business success?

Handful of Rice

What stood out to you?

How do you react to seeing the poorest of the poor giving from their rice to support missions around the world?

Does fear of having too little hold you back from giving away more? Do these people with no savings or back-up plan inspire you? Why or why not?

What do you think about the quote, "As long as we have something to eat every day, we have something to give God every day."? Do you live with that kind of abundance mentality, or do you find yourself thinking you would give more if you had more?

First Presbyterian Church of Orlando

What stood out to you?

Have you ever made a gift that felt sacrificial at the time that you gave it?

David mentions that the experience of God using their church to prepare for those in need was the most humbling thing he's ever been a part of in ministry. Have you ever been impacted by God using you to bless someone else? Describe your experience.

At the end of the video, Andrzej says that through generosity "there is a beautiful patchwork that brings glory to our God." How has God used you to build a beautiful patchwork by participating in seeing His Kingdom come on earth?

What could the impact be in our community if our church were known for radical generosity?