

Journey of Generosity

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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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?

Jason and Leslie White

What stood out to you?

Have you ever been a part of a ministry or church where you were inspired by what God was doing? Describe the experience.

What is your reaction to Leslie's realization that God has her kids in His hands?

The stock they sold in 2008 would be worth millions today. However, they have watched their church grow from a few hundred to over 10,000 regular attendees. What is your reaction to their decision to sell?

Jami and Clint Kaeb

What stood out to you?

Clint and Jami shared that their decisions have involved sacrifice at times. What could sacrificial generosity look like for you?

Clint and Jami mentioned an income cap which allowed them to give three times more than they had given in the past. Have you ever heard of this idea? What are the benefits of a decision like this?

If you have children, what do you think about involving them in your giving decisions?

Graham and April Smith

What stood out to you?

Graham mentions that it has been liberating to avoid "golden handcuffs." How do your lifestyle or future lifestyle choices impact your sense of freedom to fully follow God's calling?

How do you respond to April's comment that an increase in income could raise our standard of giving rather than standard of living?

April contrasts the wisdom of "saving, saving, saving" against investing in kingdom work. How do you respond to the tension between saving and giving?

Katherine and Eugene Tsay

What stood out to you?

Katherine talks about how shifting from spending to giving is like building a muscle. What muscles seem most tight or underdeveloped in your life?

How do you react to Katherine and Eugene's decision to give 50 percent of their equity away?

Both Eugene and Katherine's giving journeys and faith journeys were influenced by close family and friends around them. Where do you see that influence in your own life?

Bishop Hannington

What stood out to you?

What kind of emotions do you feel when you see people with so little being generous?

Can you imagine giving your only chicken, whatever that is in your life, for the building of your church or God's kingdom?

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