

Session 1

SESSION 1 AT A GLANCE

- Journey of Generosity Introduction
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JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY INTRODUCTION 10 minutes



Welcome the participants and **pray** for your experience together.

Play the video **JOG Introduction** (2 minutes).

Read the blue box to share more about what this experience is about.

INTRODUCTION

This time is designed to create a safe space for us to explore a lifestyle of generosity, free from any agenda.

Generous Giving was founded in 2000 and has been privately funded ever since. Generous Giving doesn't fundraise, and you will not be asked for money as a part of this experience.

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY GUIDELINES

We want this to be a safe place to learn and share, so here are a few guidelines to make this Journey of Generosity a positive experience for everyone.

1. Generosity is a journey, not a destination — stay open to God's next invitation for you.
2. Refrain from giving unsolicited advice; it can feel like criticism.
3. Use "I" statements rather than "you" statements.
4. Sometimes someone might say something that is personal, and we want to make sure it stays within this group. Let's commit to confidentiality.
5. It's important to participate but not dominate. Leave room for others to share.

OBJECTIVES

We have three objectives for our JOG that are grounded in scripture. After I read each objective, would someone be willing to read the corresponding passage?

1. Excel in the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)
2. Listen to and obey the Lord's prompting for our lives. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
3. Encourage one another towards love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

VIDEO #1 10 minutes



Play the video *Rachel and Mike Erkmann* (10 minutes).

MONEY MEMORY SHARING 15 minutes

Read the *blue box* to prepare the participants for a time of sharing:

Next, we'd like to take the time go around the circle and have each person share a significant memory from before the age of 12 that influenced your view of money or giving.

VIDEO #2 & DISCUSSION 25 minutes



Play the video *Tim Keller Teaching* (15 minutes).

Discuss the Teaching (10 minutes): Possible questions are listed below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | *You don't need to ask every question*

- 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 in the Gospel, we'll live radically generous lives?

CLOSING

To close, read *Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)*.

Close in prayer.

PROVERBS 11:24 (MSG)

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.