

Session 2

SESSION 2 AT A GLANCE

- Video #1 & Discussion
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WELCOME 5 minutes

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

Remind everyone of the **five guidelines**.

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY GUIDELINES:

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. Commit to confidentiality.
5. It's important to participate but not dominate. Leave room for others to share.

VIDEO # 1 & DISCUSSION 15 minutes



Play the video **Renee Lockey** (8 minutes).

Discuss the Story (7 minutes).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you?
- What was 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 do you think contributed to Renee's greater sense of freedom?

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION 20 minutes



Pass out the Session 2 Participant Handout or encourage those with Bibles to turn to **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**.

We are going to take the next ten minutes to read through and reflect on this passage from 2 Corinthians. Then, we will take 10 minutes to discuss what stood out from the text.

INSTRUCTIONS

As you read through the passage, notice the repeated words and phrases, as well as any promises or commands. If you have a hard copy, consider underlining the promises and circling any commands.

After reading, spend time reflecting on the following:

- What words in this passage encourage and strengthen me?
- What areas in my life need repentance?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you?
- Are there more promises or commands in this passage? What do you notice about that?
- What encourages you about this passage? What challenges you about this passage?

VIDEO # 2 & DISCUSSION 10 minutes



Play the video **Handful of Rice** (3 minutes).

Discuss the Story (7 minutes).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you?
- 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?

CLOSING

To close the time, read **2 Corinthians 8:1-4**.

Close in prayer.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4 (NIV)

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.