



Blind Date My Church

Part 5 – We Are Generous

Study Guide

At The Cove, we are generous. It's woven into our DNA. It's who we strive to be, both individually and corporately. But, it's not always easy. Bank accounts rise and fall. Jobs come and go. Our faith in God's provision might even waver. Yet, generosity isn't about how much money you have or don't have, but rather the condition of your heart. You don't have to have a full bank account to start being generous. Generosity begins with a heart that trusts God and is full of joy.

“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.” - 2 Corinthians 8:7 (ESV)

1. In your mind, what makes someone generous? Would you say you're a generous person? Why or why not?

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-8.** Generosity doesn't begin when someone becomes rich. What are some key generosity lessons we can learn from the church in Macedonia? How are grace and generosity connected?

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6 (ESV)

3. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 and Acts 20:35.** If these verses are true, why is it so hard to live them out? How are you investing into the lives of others?

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” - 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

4. What are some areas you can grow in generosity? How would growth in these areas affect those around you? How would it change your trust in God and also increase your joy?
5. There are many who have sacrificed above and beyond their tithe to make the Reach project come alive. How has the Reach project stretched you in the area of generosity?