

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Generosity Blueprint – November 17, 2024

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Opening Prayer

Begin by asking someone to open the group with a brief prayer, inviting God's presence and guidance during the discussion.

Opening Question:

- Reflect on a time when you faced a situation that required faith. What was challenging about it, and what did you learn from it?
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Scripture Reading:

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 aloud together.

Discussion Questions:

1. God's Preparation in Our Lives

- Brent shared about God preparing him through faith-building moments, such as the passport issue before his Israel trip.
 - Can you recall a time when you realized God had been preparing you for a specific moment?
 - How do faith exercises, even small ones, shape your ability to trust God?
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2. Paul's Guidance for the Church

Paul highlighted three key principles for the church regarding generosity:

1. See Beyond Yourself (v. 1)

- How does generosity reflect Jesus' command to love God and our neighbor?
- Why is it important for a church to support both local and global needs?

- How does hearing stories like the Ahousaht youth camp inspire you to give?

2. Spot the Chance to Share

- Have you experienced a moment where God placed an opportunity to practice generosity in front of you?
- How can you become more aware of opportunities to give?

3. Share the Load

- Paul emphasized that generosity is a team effort among churches. How does this perspective change the way you view giving?
 - Why do you think generosity helps unite the church, locally and globally?
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3. Paul's Expectations for Believers

Paul outlines practical steps for generosity:

1. Show Up

- Why is it important that every believer participates in giving, regardless of their income level?

2. Make Giving Matter

- How does prioritizing generosity at the start of your week (or budget) shift your perspective on giving?

3. Level Up Your Giving

- What does it mean to give “in keeping with your income”?
- How can we ensure that our giving grows as God prospers us?

4. Have a Plan

- How does planning to give make you more effective in meeting needs when they arise?
 - What steps can you take to create or refine your plan for generosity?
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4. The Heart of Generosity

- Brent shared, “An open heart cannot maintain a closed hand.” How does this challenge or encourage you in your giving?
 - How does remembering Jesus’ resurrection (1 Cor. 15) inspire generosity?
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Application:

- This week, identify one tangible way to grow in generosity—whether through time, resources, or encouragement. Share your plan with the group for accountability.
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Closing Prayer:

Pray for open hearts and hands in responding to God’s call for generosity, for unity in the church, and for opportunities to reflect His love to others.