



LIVE IT OUT!

A Calvary Lutheran Church
Fall Generosity Project
for all Ages
Handout Week 4

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Growing in God's Grace Generation to Generation

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Theme: We can become a center of generosity by making a commitment to practice generosity.

God's Story 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (CEV). "My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us; just as God wanted them to do...I am not ordering you to do this. I am simply testing how real your love is by comparing it with the concern that others have shown. You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor so that you could become rich."

Conversation #1:

1. How is God generous in this story? What in this story brings you JOY?
2. Early Christians sometimes fought with one another; people like Paul would write letters and speak to them, encouraging them to be kinds to one another. Which fruits of the spirit (look at Galatians 5) are easiest to practice? Which ones are more difficult? Why?
3. What would Jesus do to serve others? What do you do to serve others?

Our/My Household Identity and Story

Goal: Based on the conversations you have had, create a household purpose statement and commitment to practice generosity. It is time to take action!

Key Question: How can we live a life of intentional generosity in response to God's love for us?

Conversation #2:

- 1, What is our/my purpose as a family?
2. How does that purpose inform our/your sharing and generosity?
3. What two items from those we/you brainstormed in Handout 3 do you want to commit to our/your giving? How much of our/your treasure? Our/your time? Our/your talents?
4. How can we/I commit to giving and serving our/my church and community of faith? What can we pledge to Calvary for Giving Sunday?

Affirmation + Blessing: (Share this blessing with each other.) God, use us/me to respond joyfully to the needs of this world with our acts of generosity.

CREATING A HOUSEHOLD CENTER of GENEROSITY

Action 4



Our/My Household Purpose Statement

Two Places We/I Choose To Give Generously of our/my Time, Talents and/or Financial Treasure

1.

2.

How do these two choices support our/my household purpose statement?

The Generosity Challenge

How many pairs of socks and undies get washed each week in this household? Count them. What is 10% of that number? What would it mean to purchase new socks and undies – 10% of the number we wear? How hard would this be to do? Who needs socks and undies? To whom or where would we/I go to donate them?



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