

## GO DEEPER

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**Share a story** with the group about the biggest/riskiest act of generosity you've participated in. What was it? What prompted it? What was it like to give it?

**Risk being vulnerable.** Is generosity a regular part of your life? How?

Where do you struggle being generous?

Are you better at spontaneous, strategic, or sacrificial generosity?

What motivates you to be generous?

### Read Ephesians 3:20

Consider how you live. Do you act like God does more, less, or about equal to what you ask for and imagine?

What do our actions reveal about our true beliefs?

How did you learn to act this way?

What would it take for you to trust God more?

### Read Matthew 7:7-12

What does this passage tell us about God?

Does this fit with your own image of God? Why/why not?

How is vs 12 an encouragement toward generosity?

Why does knowing who God is let us be secure in being generous?

### Read Mark 12:41-44

Why does Jesus admire the widow? What makes her special?

Do you believe such extravagant giving is reasonable? Why/why not?

### Act: Give Sacrificially

What can you give away, or how can you begin giving in a way that would force you to rely on God? Make a plan to do it, who will help hold you accountable to your intentions?

### Act: Bring God's Tithe to Him

Commit to start tithing. Try it for three months and see what happens.

If you need help budgeting the pastors can connect you with help.

**Close** by praying the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

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