



ABOVE + BEYOND

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 3 – PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

– 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY

- You _____ what you _____

Application Point:

Sow for the _____ you _____ to reap

- Generosity is a _____ of the _____

Application Point:

Take the _____ to _____ what generosity looks like for you

- Generosity brings God’s blessing upon the _____ and the _____ of the gift

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1. What does the saying “you reap what you sow” mean?
2. How does this saying apply to generosity?
3. What kind of harvest are you planning for? How should this affect what you do?
4. How is generosity a matter of the heart?
5. What are some wrong motives for giving? What are some good motives for giving? Why do motives matter?
6. Why can’t you force or coerce someone to show generosity?
7. What would generosity look like for you?
8. How is the giver blessed when they are generous?
9. Tell of a time when you experienced the blessing of being generous. How was this blessing to you?
10. What are some ways that you can be generous, especially as we approach the Christmas season?