



The Power of Generosity | Week 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this final message of the *Made For More* series, we'll explore how true fulfillment and joy come not from personal gains but from the act of giving, which benefits both the giver and the recipient, creating a ripple effect of kindness and satisfaction.

DISCUSSION

Generosity has profound effects on both the giver and receiver, as studies and Scripture attest, confirming that giving leads to a life filled with blessing and joy. Jesus Himself said, ***"It is more blessed to give than to receive"*** (Acts 20:35), and this principle of generosity, when followed, brings physical, emotional, and spiritual rewards, such as reduced stress and increased happiness. The Bible encourages all believers to give abundantly, seeing giving as both a form of blessing and a reflection of God's heart. Generosity is likened to planting seeds, a theme Paul elaborates on in **2 Corinthians 9:6: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."** This principle of sowing and reaping, or seedtime and harvest, is a universal law, allowing individuals to experience both the joy of giving and the blessings that flow from it.

- How does Acts 20:35 challenge common ideas about wealth and happiness in today's culture?
- Why do you think those who have less are often more generous than those with more?
- In what ways have you experienced the principle of "sowing and reaping" in your own life?
- How does understanding generosity as a "seed" change the way we approach giving?

Four Blessings When We Sow Seed:

2 Corinthians 9:10: Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

1. Seed for the sower.

In Scripture, the concept of "seed" is multifaceted, representing **agricultural** growth (Genesis 1:11), the continuation of a family line through **children** (Genesis 26:4), the Word of God that nurtures spiritual growth (Luke 8:11), and **money** intended for generosity and support of others (2 Corinthians 9). Each type of seed reflects a source of growth, whether

it's physical, familial, spiritual, or material, emphasizing God's provision and the potential for increase when we sow faithfully.

- In what ways do these different types of "seed" (agricultural, family, spiritual, financial) influence our understanding of God's provision and growth in our lives?

2. Bread for food.

2 Corinthians 9:10: *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food...* God, in His giving nature, not only provides seed for sowing but also meets our needs with His abundant resources. This provision reflects God's character as a Giver, blessing His people without the need for manipulation or persuasion. Our ultimate source of provision is God Himself, with our jobs and resources acting as channels rather than the true source.

- Share a time when God provided for your needs.

3. Multiplied seed.

2 Corinthians 9:10: *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown...* God multiplies seed only after it has been sown, aligning with **Three Aspects of the Law of Seedtime and Harvest: A) You reap what you sow, B) You only reap after you sow, C) You always reap more than you sow.** This principle highlights that God's kingdom operates through sowing and reaping, where our giving is multiplied far beyond the initial seed, as in the natural example of a single kernel of corn yielding hundreds more. God's multiplication applies not just to agricultural growth but to all areas of life when we faithfully sow into His kingdom.

- How have you seen God multiply what you have "sown"?

4. Increased righteousness.

The end of **verse 10** says that God will: ***...increase the fruits of your righteousness***, God not only desires to meet your natural needs, but your spiritual needs as well. As you get into this cycle of trusting God and sowing seed, it grows your relationship with God—and the result is an increase in every area of your life. God can multiply our finances as well as our righteousness as we steward all that God places in our lives.

- In what ways have you experienced an "increase in righteousness" as a result of giving or trusting God with your resources?

LIFE CHALLENGE

Challenge yourself this week to seek out an opportunity to give generously, whether with your time, resources, or support, and notice how it impacts your sense of joy and connection with God and others. Reflect on how giving as a "seed" has the power to multiply blessings, not only in the lives of others but also in your own spiritual growth.