



1. What does it mean to be generous? What do you think of when you hear the words, “radical generosity”? Can you think of an example of radical generosity that you have experienced? What was the situation? Do you think that generosity only applies to money, what else could it be applied to?

*Answer— Being generous is defined as being liberal with what we have and sharing it with others. Radical generosity could then be defined as being super-generous, generosity on steroids, so to speak. We have three things in this world: Our time, our talents or abilities, and our treasure. Generosity will always involve one or more of these. People who are not wealthy can be generous with their time or talents if not their treasure.*

2. Read Luke 6:38 and Malachi 3:8-12. In these passages, what is God’s challenge to us in our giving? What is the only way to find out if God would do what these verses talk about? Do you think these promises are only true about giving money?

*Answer— Basically in these passages God dares us to try him out in the area of giving; he says that we cannot out give him. The more we give, the more he will give back. The law of the harvest always comes into effect when we give: You will always get back more than you sow. Sow one kernel of corn and receive 12 ears of corn in return. The only way to find out if this is true is to give and then give more and see what happens. Giving money is the easiest part, he will also do this when we give of our time and talents.*

3. Read Psalm 112:5. What is promised in this verse to someone who is generous? How do you think we should define “good things”? Have any of you experienced God blessing you in other areas other than finances because you were generous? How?

*Answer—Good things should not just be interpreted as finances, God can bless us in so many other areas. He can give us good health or heal us from sickness. He can bless our families, he can provide that job we wanted, he can keep your car from breaking down, etc.*

4. Read Psalm 37:25,26. What is the promise in this passage to someone who is generous? How can God our children in response to us being generous?

*Answer—Adults who are generous typically pass that generous characteristic on to their children so that their children are also generous and then God blesses them in the same way he blesses all people who are generous. Seeing your children prosper is one of the greatest blessings to any parent.*

5. Read Proverbs 11:25, 3:9-19, and Deuteronomy 15:10. In these verses, what does God promise to bless if we are generous? Have any of you experienced this type of blessing?  
*Answer—God promises to bless everything that we put our effort into developing, so if you own a business, God will bless your business when you are generous.*
6. Read 1 John 3:16-18. What do you think it would look like in your lives to “lay down your life for your brother”? Do you think this is what God means by generosity? Pastor Rick said that you can give without loving but you cannot love without giving, do you think this is true?
7. Brainstorm ideas of how you as a small group can demonstrate generosity in 2023.

