

The Book of **UPSIDE DOWN**

Turning Poverty Upside Down
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

What generosity is really about...

1. Generosity is about grace.
2. Generosity is about community.
3. Generosity is about sacrifice.
4. Generosity is about attitude.
5. Generosity is about faith—and trust.
6. Generosity is about action.
7. Generosity is about spiritual growth.
8. Generosity is about love.
9. Generosity is about imitation.
10. Generosity is about equality.

What generosity is really not about...

storylines prompt:

Reflect on a time when you were the recipient of generosity. How did it impact you. Or reflect on a time when you were able to be generous. How did that affect you?



resource guide

First Five / Final Five:

⇒ Take the first five minutes of each day to READ God's Word, and the final five minutes of your day to REFLECT on God's Work in your life.

The Big Idea:

- In your own words, how would you summarize the main idea of the message? The passage?

From the Message:

- What are some reasons that people are not generous? Have you struggled with any of them?
- What is the connection between grace and giving?
- Would you describe yourself—as having more of a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset?
- Which of the points on generosity connects most with you? And why?

From the Passage:

- In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul continues to talk about generosity. What themes do you see repeated? What additional themes do you see?

Think it through / Talk it over:

- Is generosity just something you practice, or do you need to be reminded of its importance from time to time?
- When and how have you sacrificed for the good of another Christian, or even for the church ministry?
- What needs are you aware of in the church or in the world? What have you done about meeting them? If you are not aware, how could you become more aware?

Take a Step:

⇒ Truth transforms us only as we take action. What is your plan to apply this truth?