

The Generous Life

Week 1: The Genesis of Generosity

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

Has anyone in group attended Financial Peace University at CCV and want to share their experience getting started doing finances God's way?

Groups [Video Guide](#)

Read it again:

- [Genesis Chapter 1](#)

Discuss:

- Who is the most generous person you know?
- Is generosity something that comes naturally to you? Are you more generous with your time, treasure, or talent?
- Focus on [Genesis 1:26–31](#) and [Psalm 8](#). What does it mean to be God's steward over creation?
- In your mind, what is the connection between [John 3:16](#) and [1 John 3:16–17](#)?
- Was there a time in your life when someone was generous with you?
- Challenge: Look through <http://www.ccv.church/stewardship> as a group to discover all the resources we have for stewardship.

Prayer:

Have everyone put their hands on their lap palms up and ask, "Lord, what is my next step in my journey of generosity?" Allow everyone time to pray silently.

Scriptures:

- **Genesis 1:26–31**, “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”
- **John 3:16**, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
- **1 John 3:16–17**, “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”
- **Acts 20:35**, “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”