

# The Generous Life

## Week 3: The Principle of Multiplication

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### Opening Question:

How does our perspective on the world change when we give to God's kingdom through time, talent, treasure, and talent?

#### Groups [Video Guide](#)

#### Read it again:

- [Luke 9:10-17](#)

#### Discuss:

- If you could go back in time 10 or 20 years, what stocks would you have invested in or business deal you would have made, or a property you would have purchased?
- Read [Mark 12:41-44](#) and then [2 Kings 4:1-7](#). What similarities do you see in these two stories and what principles of generosity could you draw from each of them?
- What area of your life do you need to get more empty jars for God to fill?
- What jars do you need to empty so God can fill them with *HIS* blessings? Put another way, what areas do you need to downsize so God can increase your ability for generosity?
- Generosity is something that has the freedom to be given wherever one feels led. There is a movement of people giving their tithe outside of the church to charities and other organizations they are passionate about. Why do you think this is?

#### Prayer:

What are some of the financial investments you're making (spiritual, educational, real-estate, etc.) and would like to ask God to multiply. Pray over each one, asking God to increase its growth, impact, and value to the kingdom of God.

## Scriptures:

- **Matthew 14:13–21**, “Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”
- **Mark 12:41–44**, “And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”
- **Luke 6:38**, “Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”
- **2 Kings 4:1–7**, “Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.” And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?”

And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." Then he said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside." So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest."