



The Rival

Week 1: The Fight For Your Heart

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

If you could give a million dollars to a charity of your choice, who would you pick and why?

[PLAY VIDEO: Intro From Mark](#)

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY INTRODUCTION | 10 MINUTES

[PLAY VIDEO: JOG Intro](#)

INTRODUCTION:

This time is designed to create a safe space for us to explore a lifestyle of generosity, free from any agenda. Generous Giving was founded in 2000 and has been privately funded ever since. Generous Giving doesn't fundraise, and you will not be asked for money as a part of this experience.

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY GUIDELINES

We want this to be a safe place to learn and share, so here are a few guidelines to make this Journey of Generosity a positive experience for everyone.

1. Generosity is a journey, not a destination — stay open to God's next invitation for you.
2. Refrain from giving unsolicited advice to others; it can feel like criticism.
3. Use "I" statements rather than "you" statements.
4. Sometimes someone might say something that is personal, and we want to make sure it stays within this group. Let's commit to confidentiality.
5. It's important to participate but not dominate. Leave room for others to share.

OBJECTIVES

We have three objectives for our JOG that are grounded in scripture. After I read each objective, would someone be willing to read the corresponding passage?

1. Excel in the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

2. Listen to and obey the Lord's prompting for our lives. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
 3. Encourage one another towards love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
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VIDEO #1 | 10 MINUTES

[PLAY VIDEO: Rachel & Mike Erkmann](#)

MONEY MEMORY SHARING | 15 MINUTES

Next, we'd like to take the time go around the circle and have each person share a significant memory from before the age of 12 that influenced your view of money or giving.

VIDEO #2 & DISCUSSION | 10 MINUTES

[PLAY VIDEO: Renee Lockey](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What stood out to you?
 - What was your reaction to what Renee heard God say to her: "I want you to work like a doctor and live like a nurse."?
 - If you put yourself in Renee's shoes and think about living below your means in order to give more generously, what goes through your mind?
 - What do you think contributed to Renee's greater sense of freedom?
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CLOSING

To close the time, read out loud...

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4 (NIV), And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

CLOSE IN PRAYER