



## Session 5

# Generosity

### **BIG IDEA**

You could not be an early Christian if you were not very generous.

### **OPENING QUESTION**

How would the community miss you if you were gone?

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Read this passage: Acts 9:36-43. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience and following the way of Jesus? How should it affect the way I live?

A rule of life is a set of rhythms and restrictions we habituate that helps us connect with God and resist popular culture.

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### **Changed by Jesus**

The Bible instructs us that our generosity should be.

Habitual over Emotional.

Genuine over Performative.

Practical over Ideological.

### **Questions:**

In our culture, how have you seen generosity as being, emotional, performative, or ideological? Share examples.

Why is it harder for you to make generosity habitual, genuine, and practical?

Which of those three is most difficult for you?

### **Thought:**

A generous life will inevitably become an evidence and an altar for God's power. In the next scripture, we will see how Peter, who was radically affected by Jesus' generosity, now follows his footsteps in being generous.

**Read:** Luke 8:40-56, the read Acts 9:36-43

### **Share:**

If you have had some success in making generosity habitual, share that with the group?

Same for being genuine with generosity?

What are some practical ways you can incorporate generosity in your life?

### **Join the mission of Jesus**

#### *I will statement...*

Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. As disciples this helps us to be changed by Jesus. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.

At the end of this series, we will provide a way for us to practice these rhythms and restrictions with a communal challenge to embrace a 40 day rule of life. FebruaryFebruary