

# Extravagant

## GENEROSITY

### **START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- What is the most generous gift you've ever received?
- What is the most generous gift you've heard about or seen given?

### **START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- Paul, the 1st century church planter, wanted his churches to support other Christians suffering a famine in Jerusalem.
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:5-10
- What attitude and spirit does Paul want us to have as we give of our dollars as well as our time, talent and expertise?

### **START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.**

- Paul frequently gives us a short phrase "God loves a cheerful giver" to remind us of entire passages of Scripture. This one draws our attention to Proverbs 22.
- Read Proverbs 22:1-9. What are some of the practices of a generous life?
- "They share freely and give generously to the poor" comes from Psalm 112:9.
- Read Psalm 112. What is one practice you can commit to practice from this Psalm?

### **START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Pray this series prayer out-loud and together: Father, you are an abundant giver. There is nothing that I have that you have not given me. The way of your kingdom is the way of generosity. Help me to honor you with my resources. Free me from the deceit of riches. Lead me on the path of generosity. For your glory, Lord, for the abundance of my own life and for the sake of others. Amen.

### **START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK**

- Check out this five-day devotional on the genius of generosity:  
[https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/17423-the-genius-of-generosity.](https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/17423-the-genius-of-generosity)