



SESSION 1 - WIRED FOR GENEROSITY

SERIES BIG IDEA

We are genetically wired to be generous.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

We're wired for generosity because we're made in the image of a generous God.

SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 4:7-8 & PSALM 24:1-2

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use this time to open your group and break the ice. The second question is designed to help groups become more comfortable with the topic of the day and to engage each other.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read the scripture out loud and allow your group time to think through the questions. God's generosity happens on so many levels – not just personally or even corporately, but universally with the creation of the world. We aren't used to thinking in terms of abundance and generosity, but that is our God.

Some stories your group might think of include creation, Moses and the Red Sea, the writing of the Psalms, the miracles of the prophets (Elijah and the widow's son, the 3 year drought, the standoff against the priests of Ba'al, etc...), Jesus' miracles, the disciples spread of the Gospel, etc.... End by exploring God's nature and what generosity says about that.

LIFE APPLICATION

Walk your group through these questions slowly. Hopefully, each person will have a few stories to share about generosity and how it has impacted them. Give them time to think through what this generosity says about ourselves and our normal tendencies. Encourage your group to see how generosity could stretch us and grow us.

CHALLENGE

Think of two ways this week you could be generous as God is generous. What would it look like? A meal for a friend? A hand-written card? Giving to Community 4:12 or saving up for an extra-special offering on March 18th for the end of ONE? Could you get creative about your gift? Brainstorm as a group and share your ideas with each other. You might also consider finding a way to do it together as a group.