

TAKEAWAY

HEALTHY HOUSEHOLDS



Part Six: Generosity

At Maybridge we want to be a church of disciples who make disciples – we hope this takeaway session encourages practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in your group. The focus of group discussion should be on becoming 'doers of the word' and not just hearers or people who enjoy a good discussion!

As always, there are more questions and discussion prompts than you'll have time for, so feel free to use what is helpful for your group as time allows and discussion flows.

INTRODUCTION

Over this series, we're thinking practically about what following and building our habits around Jesus looks like in community across a few different key areas of life. In this session, we begin thinking about the practice of generosity.

SHARE

- Who is the most generous person you know, and what makes their generosity stand out to you?
- When you hear the word generosity, what emotions does it bring up for you (joy, anxiety, guilt, excitement, resistance, etc.)?

READ

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

DISCUSS

What stands out or surprises you about Paul's teaching on giving in 2 Corinthians 9:6–15?
What does this passage suggest about God's role in generosity versus our role?

In what ways has guilt, rather than grace, ever driven your giving? How might shifting that motive change your posture toward generosity?

This passage shows that God is more interested in your attitude than your money. Why do you think that matters so much to God?

What does generosity achieve, more than simply meeting a practical need? Why do you think generosity can be shocking or counter-cultural in today's society?

How does seeing generosity as a response to Jesus, rather than a way to earn something, change how we think about giving?

Many Christians ask questions like *'how much should I give?'* and *'should I give to the church?'*
Why do you think percentages alone can be an unhelpful way to measure generosity?

On Sunday, the principle *'feel the loss but find joy in the cost'* was shared. What do you think that looks like in real life?

How does focusing on the generosity of God in Jesus reshape your view of money?

TRY OUT

- Create space this week for a spontaneous act of generosity. Set aside a specific amount of money – it can be a little or a lot, whatever you decide. Ask God to give you an opportunity to

bless someone in a small way. Here's a few ideas to spark your imagination:

- Buy someone in line behind you coffee or lunch.
- Anonymously pay for someone's meal.
- Drop off food shopping or a gift to someone you know in need or in a time of suffering.
- Send cash digitally to help a friend with expenses they can't currently pay.
- Buy a gift for someone to encourage or bless them.
- Give away one of your possessions.
- Spend time reviewing your finances or giving – do my circumstances mean a change in my giving at the moment (it could go down or up). You may find it helpful to use the budget tool in our 'God, church & giving' leaflet at maybridge.org.uk/resources or download the budget tool here: maybridge.org.uk/app/uploads/2026/02/MCC-Budget-Tool.pdf.

PRAY