

Book Club

The Cure for Greed

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21 NIV

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. ... 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 NIV

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”
Mark 12:41-44 NIV

“For God so loved the world that he gave ...”
John 3:16 NIV

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

... For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame ... Hebrews 12:2 NIV

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philip-
pians 4:19 NIV

Other Key Scriptures

2 Corinthians 9:8-13 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What does “generosity” mean to you?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- How do you feel about generosity? What makes giving easy or difficult?
- Read **Mark 12:41-44**. What does this passage teach you about generosity? What might happen if you were to give more than you’re comfortable giving?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when someone was generous toward you. What was that experience like, and what did you learn about God’s generosity?
- Talk about ways greed can keep you from God. How would your life look different if you chose to give generously, cheerfully, and faithfully more often?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for showing us what it looks like to be generous. It’s not always easy, but it’s always worth it. Help us to be cheerful and faithful givers. Please show us how we can be generous this week so we can serve others and find freedom from greed. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Find one way to be generous this week, and share your experience with your LifeGroup. Here’s a list of generosity ideas to help you get started: www.go2.lc/generositychallenge](http://www.go2.lc/generositychallenge)
- [Listen to this episode of the You’ve Heard It Said podcast: www.go2.lc/YHIS58](http://www.go2.lc/YHIS58)
- Read the *Being Generous: With and Without Money* Bible Plan together using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/overflow
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.