## *More Than Enough* 3 Qualities of Generous People

## **Key Scriptures**

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isaiah 32:8 NLT

Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:11-12 NLT

On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. ... 1 Corinthians 16:2 NLT

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44 NLT

## **Additional Key Scriptures**

2 Corinthians 8:6-7 NLT 2 Corinthians 8:10-12 NIV Leviticus 27:30 NIV Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

What's something you're currently planning for?

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

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Isaiah 32:8**. What are some ways people can plan to be generous? What might make it difficult for people to "stand firm in their generosity"?

**TALK IT OVER** 

• What are some reasons followers of Jesus are called to be generous?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Generous people give willingly, proportionately, and sacrificially. Which of those three qualities would you like to grow in most?
- What's one step you could take this week to become a more generous person? A next step could look like making a plan to be generous, giving for the first time, or praying the prayer below.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Dear God, You know what I need each day. Please provide for my daily needs and help me be generous like You. Give me courage to use my resources to do good, even when it feels uncomfortable. Show me ways I can be generous with my time, money, and other resources this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

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

- How could you use your resources—time, money, talents, or experiences—to bless someone else?
- Start the *Being Generous: With and Without Money* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: <u>www.go2.lc/enough</u>
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.