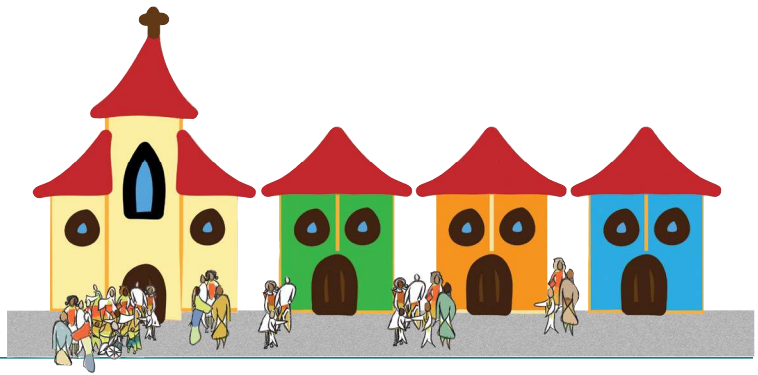


LIVE IT OUT!



Creating Centers For Generosity: The HOW

Conversation Goal

Become a center of generosity by creating a household purpose statement and commitment to practice generosity 24–7–365

Conversation #4

Make A Plan

It is time to form a plan around the conversations that have engaged you so far. You have become informed on your household giving patterns where you could pour out care and generosity. Now it is time to take action!

Key Question

How can we begin to fully live a life of intentional generosity in response to God's love for us?

Discussion Prompts

- What is our purpose as a family?
- How does that purpose inform our sharing and generosity?
- What two items from those we brainstormed in Session 3 do you want to commit to our giving? How much of our treasure? Our time? Our talents?
- How can we commit to giving and serving our church and community of faith?

God's Story 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (CEV). "My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us; just as God wanted them to do...I am not ordering you to do this. I am simply testing how real your love is by comparing it with the concern that others have shown. You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor so that you could become rich."

Affirmation + Blessing

God, use us to respond joyfully to the needs of this world with our acts of generosity.



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CREATING A HOUSEHOLD CENTER of GENEROSITY

Action 4



Our Household Purpose Statement

Two Places We Choose To Give Generously of our Time, Talents and/or Financial Treasure

1.

2.

How do these two choices support our household purpose statement?

The Generosity Challenge

How many pairs of socks and undies get washed each week in this household? Count them. What is 10% of that number? What would it mean to purchase new socks and undies – 10% of the number we wear? How hard would this be to do? Who needs socks and undies? To whom or where would we go to donate them?



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