

Generosity Reflection

Spend some time reflecting on generosity by working through the following exercises and questions.

Step 1: Pie Chart Exercise

Using the Spending Pie Chart, make your own Pie Chart to approximate your monthly spending. You can have as many categories as you want, but start with categories such as Housing, Groceries, Utilities, Entertainment, Restaurants, Memberships, Tithing, and Generosity to Others.

Step 2: Discussion Questions

As a connect group, work through the following questions:

1. Reflecting on your Pie Chart, what is one new observation you noticed about your spending habits?
2. How would you define generosity?
3. Open the Bible to 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What does this text teach us about our posture towards money and generosity?
4. What is one example of a time in which you were the recipient of someone else's generosity?

Step 3: Listening Prayer Exercise

Set aside 10 minutes to spend time in listening prayer together. After putting away your phones and finding a comfortable position, pray to invite the Holy Spirit and ask, "What is one step of generosity you are inviting me to take in the year ahead?"

After spending time in prayer, come back together and share what you sensed the Holy Spirit was saying to you?

Step 4: Learning More (Optional)

If anyone in your connect group is wanting to explore generosity further, consider suggest the following:

- Read a book about generosity. (The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn or Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger by Ronald Sider are great starts).
- Meet with someone else in the connect group to craft a budget.

- Create a more accurate Pie Chart, utilizing dollar amounts and then setting a goal for increased generosity.

