

Radically Generous

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Proverbs 11:24

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

TJ McConahay preached on generosity with one line he kept repeating: if you want to join God in the impossible, you have to give more than you thought was possible. His texts were Proverbs 11, where the one who gives freely gains even more, and 2 Corinthians 9, where God loves a cheerful giver. But the heart of the message was his own story. TJ lost over a hundred pounds training for a marathon, and then the race was cancelled. A friend who had already finished his own race was waiting at the finish line anyway. There is a finish line ahead of each of us, and a lot of giving between here and there.

To get started

- What is the most generous thing anyone has ever done for you?

Looking back at the message

This is a guest message with a strong single line. Test it rather than repeat it.

- 1 TJ said joining God in the impossible requires giving more than you thought possible. Does that inspire you, or do you hear a catch in it?
- 2 TJ trained for a marathon, lost over a hundred pounds, and the race got cancelled. Why do you think he told that story in a message about giving?
- 3 TJ said a scarcity mentality leads to scarce opportunities. Where have you seen that play out, or does it sound too neat? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Proverbs 11:24-25 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 aloud together.

- 4 Read Proverbs 11:24-25. Two people are described: one gives freely, one withholds. What happens to each?
- 5 Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. It names how a person should decide, and two ways not to give. What are they?
- 6 Read verse 8. God provides so that you will abound in every good work. What does that tell you the provision is actually for?
- 7 These passages promise a return on generosity. Is that the same as promising prosperity? Where would you draw the line?

Bringing it home

Some people in the room genuinely cannot give much. Do not let this become guilt.

- 8 TJ said there is something you have not given God yet, and you have started believing you cannot. What came to mind when he said it?
- 9 Giving is not only money. What else do you find hardest to give: time, forgiveness, control, attention?
- 10 Not reluctantly or under compulsion, Paul says. What is the difference between giving generously and giving because you felt pressured?
- 11 What would more than you thought possible honestly mean in your situation? OPTIONAL

The group together

The finish line image is a good closer. Use it rather than the numbers.

- 12 The friend waiting at TJ's finish line had already finished his own race. Who is ahead of you and cheering you on?
- 13 Who could this group be generous toward together in the next month?
- 14 What would it look like to be generous with time and attention in this group, not just money?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one thing you have decided you could never give, and what makes it feel that way?

You might pray about

- For generosity that is glad rather than pressured
- For those for whom giving anything right now is hard
- For the thing each of us has decided is off limits
- For a finish line worth running toward