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## **Generosity Discussion Guide**

Our desires are meant to point us toward God. But too often, we stop at the things we want. We look for meaning and fulfillment in the stuff we have, rather than in the Giver of the stuff. The Scriptures teach us that Generosity is the antidote to that condition. Generosity orients us away from ourselves so we can imitate God as generous givers.

## **Scripture for Further Reading**

Proverbs 11:24-25; Matthew 6:19-34; Mark 12:42-44; Romans 1:18-23 ; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; 2 John 2:15-17

## **Questions for Discussion**

1. Name some things you desire. How are those desires good? How can they be distorted?
2. Why did God create us to want? What is the purpose of desire?
3. How can desire trap us in a bad place?
4. God tells us that generosity is the antidote to selfishness. How is this true?
5. What resources, gifts or talents do you have that you can be generous with?
6. How will you be generous this week?