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## Part 3: The Generous Life

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### Big Idea

Seed, sower, and harvest... Biblical generosity begins with God, is multiplied through His Church, and results in a harvest among those who are wounded, hurting, and in desperate need of an encounter with Him. Our generosity is a reflection of the generosity of God.

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

### Discussion Questions

- Generosity is rarely convenient. Are there people in your life in whom you know you should be investing time, but you are just too busy? How can you “slow” the pace of your life in order to make time for those things God has said are truly important?
- We all find ourselves from time to time “looking past” people in apparent need. Why do you think that is the tendency of most people and how can we combat that tendency?
- What do you believe to be the greatest “inheritance” that you can leave for your children? What can you do today to bring intentionality to the pursuit of that legacy?
- What does it mean to live an “open-handed” life? Is that the kind of life we are called to lead, and does our culture/society support or resist that kind of living?

### Next Step

- Take time each day this week to record how you spent your time that day. Look for patterns that demonstrate time spent on things that have little to no eternal value, and develop a plan to replace much of that behavior with things that have great eternal value (i.e. make a difference in the lives of others).
- Together, with your family, watch the Message “Big Rocks” by Pastor Chris, and discuss ways to determine what is truly important. Click on this link to watch the message:  
<http://www.churchofthehighlands.com/media/message/big-rocks>

### Prayer Focus

Have your group pair up and pray for the wisdom to lead a “Generous” life... one focused on the truly important things (and people) God has placed in their lives.

### Leader Tips

Ask your group members if any of them could share a personal story about a time when someone set aside their own agenda in order to help them when they were in desperate need. Ask them to discuss the impact that event had in their lives, and how the person who helped them seemed to have been affected.