



LIFEGROUPS

Message: *Living Generously*

Scripture: *Acts 20:25-35*

Date: May 19 & 20, 2018

—[LET'S START]—

Form groups of two or three and together write out a definition of generosity and give an example to illustrate your definition. Share your definition and example with the larger group.

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Have the person with the longest hair in the group read aloud Acts 20:25-35. Verse 32 speaks of the "word of His grace." Explain what Paul is talking about with this statement regarding grace. (It may be helpful to look up the passage in another version or in a paraphrase of the Bible.)
2. Take a closer look at verse 35 – "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" How does reflecting upon God's generosity to us through Jesus influence our motivation and thought regarding giving to others?
3. Being generous is a sign of growing in the grace of God. In your original group of two or three, list three practical ways we can endeavor to allow God's generosity to thrive within us. Select one of those ways and share with the big group.
4. In Luke 12:15, we are cautioned about greed. Look up this passage and read it silently. Why is our greed the hardest sin for us to recognize? What is the difference of giving by percentage versus by generosity? Explain.

