

Discipleship Group

EXPANSION '26 Group Study

TIPS FOR DISCUSSION

- Start with your journey of why you partner with Expansion and how you've partnered with God in faith each year.
- Help to encourage and remind people that when they give they are sowing into those that are already in the room, and those yet to come (speak to legacy and the fact that it was someone's obedience that set up what we get to be a part of today).
- Keep the focus on heart posture and obedience rather than specific amounts or financial outcomes.
- Encourage people to share both their faith and their tensions when it comes to generosity and trust.
- Create space for stories of God's provision, faithfulness, and breakthrough through acts of obedience.
- Remind the group that everyone has something to bring, and that God often multiplies what seems small when it is surrendered to Him.

VIDEO:



Shareable Link: <https://youtu.be/DmxaMrBe8Wc?si=XTE9m5tXkpl6oWln>

**Encourage everyone to watch Sunday's message back before coming along to Discipleship Group*

KEY SCRIPTURES:

2 Corinthians 8:7-9 NIV

7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Kings 4:1-7 *“The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.” Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.” Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.” She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing. She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.””*

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NLT *For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 11 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.*

2 Corinthians 9:12 NIV *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

KEY POINTS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Generosity Starts With a Word

- When you hear God speak about generosity, what is usually your first response; faith, hesitation, excitement, fear, or something else?
 - **Follow Up:** *Why do you think God often asks us to trust His Word before we can see the outcome?*

2. Generosity Flows From a Heart in Agreement

- The widow initially focused on what she didn't have, before identifying what she did have in house already. Where do you find you can be tempted to focus on what is lacking rather than what God has already entrusted to you?
 - **Follow Up:** *What do you think it means to wholeheartedly agree with God when it comes to generosity?*

3. Generosity Comes Alive in the Pouring

- The miracle didn't happen when the widow received the instruction—it happened as she poured. What does "pouring" look like in everyday life when it comes to generosity?
 - **Follow Up:** *Can you share a time when taking a step of obedience unlocked something God wanted to do in or through you?*

4. Generosity Always Results in Overflow

- The oil continued to flow as long as there were empty jars available. Why do you think God involved the widow and her neighbours in creating capacity for the miracle?
 - **Follow Up:** *What does this teach us about making room for what God wants to do through our lives, church, and community?*

5. Generosity Is a Ministry We Carry

- Paul describes giving as a grace that believers should excel in, not just an occasional act. How is viewing generosity as a lifestyle or ministry different from viewing it as a one-time event?
 - **Follow Up:** *What practical habits could help generosity become a greater part of your everyday discipleship?*

6. Responding to God's Invitation

- In this year's commitment to Expansion, what do you sense God might be inviting you to trust Him with?
 - **Follow Up:** *What impact could our collective obedience and generosity have on future generations, our church, and people who have not yet encountered Jesus?*