

# REFLECTION GUIDE

10.8.23

## INTRO

To be generous is to orient your life around the thrill of being used by God to make a difference. When we value what God does, we break out of the consumption trap that doesn't satisfy!

## THOUGHTS

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## PRAYER

Great and mighty God, you are the provider. I am not. You are the source. I am not. Teach me to rely on you. Teach me to trust you with all I have and grow in the way I give back to you. Thank you for your generous grace and love for me. Amen.

## DIGGING DEEPER

- Have you ever been excited to give something of yours away?
- Do you find it easy or difficult to be generous toward others? What do you think has contributed to your feelings about that?
- 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says, "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. 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." [NLT]
  - One definition of "enrich" is *improve or enhance the quality or value of something*. How has knowing God enriched your life?
  - Why do you think Paul was making this appeal to the church?
- Outside of meeting needs like basic shelter, food, and clothing, what is the biggest temptation you face when it comes to your material consumption? How has that impacted your life?
- God's abundance looks like peace, love, hope, and joy filling our lives until they overflow and cause collateral blessing! How might God be challenging you to channel some of your resources into cultivating more of these true treasures?