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Connecting

1. What is an act of generosity that someone has done for you?
2. What inspires you to give to others or to causes?

Understanding

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 and 9:7. Writing to the church at Corinth, instead of emphasizing need, how does Paul inspire their generosity? How would their lives be characterized if they excelled in this “grace of giving”?
2. Read Mark 12:41-44. In telling the story of the widow’s offering, how does Jesus make the point that “grace giving” is not tied to one’s income or the amount of money given?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. How does this passage show us that grace giving is planned giving? Why was this important to Paul?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15. Besides meeting a need, what else does Paul say giving can accomplish?

Living

1. If “grace giving” is “planned” giving, what steps might you take to be more intentional in your giving?
2. What stood out the most to you regarding the Generous Life series?
3. What’s the biggest challenge or barrier to giving in your life?
4. What next steps could you take toward living a more generous life?

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