

# Prove It

## Reciprocal Generosity – 2/16 Talk

I'm so excited for this series, and I think it will be so impactful for your groups! Don't feel like you have to go through everything that is written! If your group needs to spend more time on one part, feel free to do that. Make sure you take time at the beginning to welcome any new people or guests and don't assume that everyone knows everyone. Give them a chance to introduce themselves and to share a little about what is happening in their lives.

- Did anything from the talk stand out to you this week?
- Read James 2:15-17
  - What happens in this example James gives of dead faith?
  - Have you ever seen a great need and simply told someone, "I'll be praying for you."?
    - Did you always pray for that person?
  - What does faith require of Jesus followers when they see someone in real need?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
  - How can you be generous in extreme poverty?
    - Why would you choose to?
    - Is this natural?
    - What was their attitude in this giving?
  - Where is the foundation for generosity?
    - Vs. 5, from a life changed by the Lord
    - Can you give for other reasons?
  - Look at Paul's list of acts of grace:
    - Faith, speech, knowledge, all earnestness, love, and generosity
    - What do you think about this list?
    - Why do you think these are listed here?
    - How are they connected?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:8-14
  - What does generosity prove, according to verse 8?
    - What would a lack of generosity prove?
  - What is the greatest example of generosity?
    - Should we care about following Jesus' example?
    - Then why, so often, are we not concerned about this?

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- Have you ever been convicted to be more generous, only to change nothing?
  - Why is it so hard to stick to decisions like this?
- What do you see in verses 12-14?
- How can you free yourself to become generous?
- What does God want you to give?