

# becoming

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Questions based on Sermon from March 19, 2023

## Getting To Know Me

1. Would you rather receive a hand-picked gift from someone or a gift card/cash?
2. Was there ever a time when you were the recipient of overflowing generosity from another person? How did it affect you?

## Digging Deeper

3. What encouraged or challenged you from Sunday's sermon on Holy Hunger?
4. When you sense that God is calling you to do/give something, what is your first response? Do you just jump in and do it? Pray about it? Decide whether it's something I can do, or not?
5. Which of the mindsets (Mine, Scarcity, No Margin) do you sometimes settle into? What are some other obstacles that work to keep you from being generous? How can you overcome them?
6. Read II Corinthians 8:2-4. What circumstances could have prevented them from giving? How did they respond? Why did they respond in that manner?

7. Read I Timothy 6:17-19. How do we sometimes put our hope in wealth? What are we coached here to put our hope in instead?
8. Read II Corinthians 9:6-7; 10-11 and Proverbs 11:35. According to these verses, what is the promise for those who are generous?
9. How did Jesus exhibit Overflowing Generosity in His life here on earth?

## Where Do I Go From Here?

10. How do you think Overflowing Generosity connected to Christlike Humility, Selfless Unity, and Holy Hunger?
11. When you think of the Time, Talent, or Treasure God has given you, which are you most able to be generous with?
12. What resources do you have that you can use to build up and encourage the body of Christ?
13. In what way do you sense God calling you to be more generous? In your time, resources, patience, praise, encouragement? What could you do this week?

## Closing in Prayer

Spent time praying aloud together as Growth Group. Instead of sharing your prayer requests, pray them out loud as requests to God and others can agree in prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to be a blessing in response to all you've so graciously received.

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