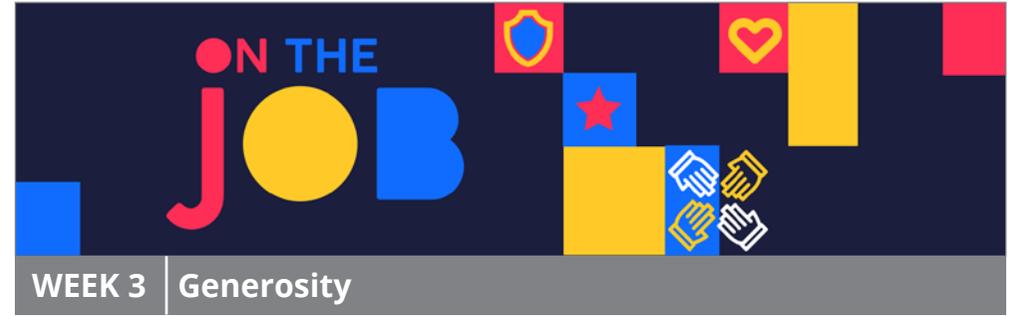


PRAYER



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Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labor and not to seek to rest, to give of myself and not ask for a reward, except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will. Amen.

[Prayer of Ignatius](#)

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Who do you consider the most generous person you've ever met?
What was it that makes them generous in your sight?

NOTES



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WORD

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

[ACTS 2:42-47](#)

"Being a Christian is not an addition to the rest of our lives, but it is our entire identity! We are not merely attendees of church (Sunday & a group), but rather we *are* the church and this is our family and our home! We are called to devotion! This new emerging Christ-centred, Spirit-filled community is devoted to God and devoted to one another. We see that they were devoted to the apostles' teaching (words, signs, and wonders) and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. The believers were devoted to knowing God more, to worshipping him, to being in awe of him, to prayer, to calling out to him, and to seeing lives transformed. They were sold out for God and for knowing and worshipping him.

They were devoted to God and they were devoted to one another: to fellowship with one another - and all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions, and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity. The believers were devoted to one another and sold out for one another. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to be ferociously devoted to one another! Not passively devoted just on Sundays, or a mid-week group, or when it is convenient, but **ferociously** and **completely devoted, sold out** for one another!"

[All Nations Bedford, Ferocious Devotion: Acts 2](#)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = never; 10 = always), how would you rate your instinct to think of others before yourself? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. How would you define generosity in your own words? Does your description fit who you are?
3. What things do you personally have that you can be generous with right now?
4. If generosity can be described as ferocious devotion, what would you say you're most devoted to?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus?

Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.