

Explain: If I wait for the right conditions to be generous, I will always have an excuse to not be generous.

How is sharing the good news of Jesus all about generosity and an abundance mentality?

#### Read Philippians 4:19-20, NIV

<sup>19</sup>*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.* <sup>20</sup>*To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

God will meet all your needs. Say it out loud, “God will meet all my needs.” This does not mean life will be easy – but that God is your provider. How does this truth give you peace?

#### Doing Life Together

CrossWalk’s ministry is funded by the generosity of its members. About 110 family units have their giving automated to assure that the ministry will be supported consistently. Consider automating your giving today.

#### My Next Step

As you consider your personal generosity, remember these Bible truths about giving an offering to God.

Give cheerfully.

Give proportionately. (think percentage)

Give regularly.

#### Prayer

Pray together as a group. Include prayers of thanks and prayers for those hurting and in need of God’s healing

#### Reminder

You are invited to the Bible reading plan “Shine Like Stars” between February 24-April 2. Go to the church center app to join the plan today!

Please pray for the ministries of CrossWalk Church that are reopening. On March 7, 2021:

- 9 am - CrossWalk kids for ages birth – grade 5.
- 10 am - Midtown Sunday morning worship at 10 am at Camelback High School.

# CrossWalk **notes**

## Freed to Love

### In Abundance not Scarcity

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**Scarcity mentality = I am going to run out.**

**Abundance mentality = God gives all that we need.**

<sup>10</sup>*I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.* <sup>11</sup>*I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.* <sup>12</sup>*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.* <sup>13</sup>*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

**Philippians 4:10-13, NIV**

**An abundance mentality starts with \_\_\_\_\_ my blessings in Christ which leads to \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>14</sup>*Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.* **Philippians 4:14, NIV**

<sup>7</sup>*But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.* **2 Corinthians 8:7, NIV**

**Generosity is a \_\_\_\_\_ that needs to be exercised and grows with \_\_\_\_\_ over time.**

<sup>15</sup>*Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;* **Philippians 4:15 NIV**

**Giving and receiving is a product of \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>16</sup>for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup>**Not that I desire your gifts;** what I desire is that more be credited to your account. **Philippians 4:16-17, NIV**

**Offerings are how God gets \_\_\_\_\_ done.**

**They are a fruit of faith that shows \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>18</sup>I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

**Philippians 4:18, NIV**

**Our generosity includes time, attention, prayer and all that we have as we live in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Philippians 4:19-20, NIV**

**God's Promise: I will give you everything you \_\_\_\_\_.**

## MEMORY VERSE

<sup>19</sup>And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19, NIV**

**My next step:** I will experience contentment in my life by counting the blessings that I have in Jesus. I will cultivate generosity by living in community with my brothers and sisters in Christ and by seeing need as an opportunity to show Christ's love and mine.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

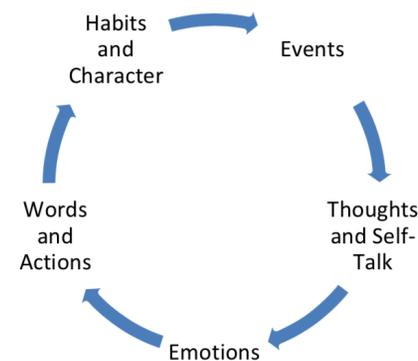
# Impact Groups

## Freed to Love: In Abundance Not Scarcity

**Getting Started:** What is one thing that you hate spending money on? Why?

### Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?



How can an event like a pandemic draw someone into a scarcity mentality?

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Contentment doesn't come from having a little or a lot of possessions. What is the secret to being content?

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