

# WEEK 4: LIFESTYLE GENEROSITY

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## OPEN/THEME/HOMEWORK REVIEW

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### Welcome

- I am so glad to be back together this week.

### Theme of the Week

- The theme of today is **Lifestyle Generosity**.
- We'll start with a teaching video from Nancy Ortberg.
- And then we'll spend some time in Scripture, before seeing an inspirational story from Naomi Hailie, a woman who made her purpose and passion her life style.

### Homework Review — Values Cards

- Before we start, let's talk about this past week's homework.
- Do you have any questions about last week's session, **Your Unique Identity**?
- Last week, I asked you to complete the values cards.
- Now we're going to talk about our values.
- Values are foundational for your life—and like purpose, they remain relatively "fixed."





- They are formed early – mostly when we're under 10 and like sponges; they adjust some as preteens when we copy adults; and a little more in our teens as we are socialized.
- Values are really important, because they are the foundation of the choices we make and the direction our lives take.
- They generally reflect who we want to 'be'.
- You all did Values Card Exercise.
- You sorted the cards into three piles: Very Important to Me, Important to Me, and Not Important to Me.
- You then selected the top ten Very Important to Me.
- Then you narrowed that to the top five.
- Please capture your top five in your Participant Notes.

### Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute ...

- I'd like each of you to share your five and how one of them shows up in your life.



### — Video — LIVING A GENEROUS LIFE, Nancy Ortberg

— 25"

### Overview the Session...

- Our teaching today is how the value of generosity can be woven into our lives.
- Nancy shares how our values can shape our passions, especially when they cause us to experience pain. In this, our generosity highlights the generous spirit of Jesus.

### Introduce the Presenter ...

- Nancy Ortberg served as a teaching pastor at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois, where she led ministries and founded business and leadership consulting firms.





- She is a gifted communicator who is passionate about helping people connect what they believe with their everyday lives.
- Currently, she is the CEO of Transforming the Bay with Christ, a nonprofit organization in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Overview — Show the Video (13")...

- As you watch the video, listen to how Nancy illustrates the power of generosity to shape our lives and the culture.
- Turn to your participant notes—there you'll find information about our presenter, and space for notes.
- *(Show the video)*

### Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute ...

- Did anything from the doctor's story resonate with you?
- Were you able to connect radical inclusion with generosity?
- Did anything else stand out to you in the video?



## — Scripture Reflection, Acts 4:32-35 — EVERYTHING IN COMMON —

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### Overview the Reading

- We are going to read and reflect on a passage from Scripture on this topic as well.
- It focuses on the generosity of the early church, and how God created us to be in community.
- Please turn to your participant notes where the Scripture is captured.
- *(Ask one of the women to read the Scripture)*



## Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

## Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute

- Is there anything that resonated with you in this passage?
- This passage is often used to illustrate how the early Christians became experts at sharing.
- What was it that they shared first?
- Did you see examples of how the giving of the early Christians was better together?



## — Video — ALL FOR HIS GLORY, Naomi Haile —

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## Overview the Session...

- This video tells the impactful story of a woman who identified her passions and then acted in obedience when God called her to action.





## Introduce the Presenter...

- Naomi Haile was born and raised in Ethiopia, and moved to the United States to attend college.
- She began her career in telecommunications and technology; then managed the implementation of electronic medical record systems for healthcare organizations.
- She and her husband Zee live with their children near Washington DC.
- They have experienced great purpose, passion and joy as they've followed God's steps for their lives.

## Overview — Show The Video (9")...

- As you watch the video, listen to Naomi's search for clarity in her relationship with God and how it informed her choices.
- Turn to your participant notes. There you'll find information about our presenter and space for notes.
- *(Show the video)*

## Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute...

- Were you encouraged by Naomi's story of clarifying her passions and then listening for the Lord's call?
- Did anything else stand out to you in the video?



## CLOSE/HOMEWORK

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### Sharing

- We have just a few minutes.
- Would one of you be willing to share a take-away from today's session, **Lifestyle Generosity**?
- Your sharing helps inform how we can pray for you this week.

### Homework – Generosity 360, Part 1

- The homework each week is valuable as you journey towards identity-shaped and purposeful generosity.
- Your homework this week is to begin the *Generosity 360* workbook.
- The *Generosity 360* is a collection of reflections, exercises, and applications that walk you through taking an inventory of what you are stewarding, discerning how and where to give, and then putting a plan for generosity into action.
- This week, set aside at least an hour to complete part one. You can do this on your own or if you are married, invite your spouse to participate as well.
- I look forward to being with you for **Week 5: Invitation to Activate**.

### Close in Prayer

- As we close, I am going to pray for each of you.