



Chapter Two

Part 5 – Sharing Discussion Guide

This week we will study how the early church lived and breathed generosity and care...and how we can mirror that today. Sharing comes down to making a difference in someone else's life. The believers in the Acts Two Church immediately started making a difference in the lives of all they encountered—even in the lives of those who saw their generosity

Jump Start

1. Over the past six months, we have seen over 900 people give their lives to Christ. In the early Church, people were added to their number daily as well. What do you think an important next step should be for a new believer?
2. **Read [2 Corinthians 9:8-11](#)**. In this passage, Paul says that becoming rich is found in Jesus. What does this mean? Is Paul talking about worldly wealth or something else?
3. **Read [Acts 2:45](#), [Proverbs 11:24](#), [Proverbs 3:9-10](#), and [1 John 4:12](#)**. In times of crisis, a mindset of scarcity—focusing on what we don't have—can easily cause us to cling to worldly goods. Have you experienced this? How do you see the Acts Two Church respond to needs? What would you and others around you gain by trusting God's generous love instead of trusting in material things?
4. **Read [Acts 2:47](#) and [Proverbs 9:9-11](#)**. Pray and ask God for wisdom; ask Him to bless what He is leading you to give. Maybe He is calling you to give money, time, encouragement, or praise? Perhaps all these. Take time to pray and ask God for His will to be done.
5. **Read [Acts 44-45](#), [Acts 20:35](#), and [2 Corinthians 8:2-3, 5](#)**. Where do you see the generosity of God in your life? Your church? The world? What are you most grateful for having? How does this challenge you to be generous to others?
6. **Pray This Prayer:** *God, thank You. Thank You for the many blessings I have experienced and am still living in every day. Father, I know that I am blessed to be a blessing. So, guide me as I center my heart and mind on You; not on worldly possessions, but on You. I know that as I follow, You will add to my life so much more than I could ever think or image. I know that I live in a fallen world which is desperate and in need of Your agape love. Shape my heart, mind, and soul so that I will be more generous. You hold nothing back from me; You gave Your Son Jesus to die on a cross to bear my sins. Let love, grace, and generosity flow from You to me like a river, so that I can be a blessing to others. Father, thank You for giving me a heart of compassion. Thank You for allowing me to see the world like you see it. Thank You for breaking my heart for the things that break Yours. Help me to see, live, and experience the abundant life You have for me and my family. Help me to be a vessel that will go out and declare Your truth. I want to be a disciple-maker, so that others will experience this abundant life You have designed for us all to live. Thank You for the peace that surpasses understanding. I desire to do Your will, and be generous in every area of my life. Holy Spirit, show me where to begin with my generosity. In Jesus' name. Amen*

Deeper

In this season, we are reading the Scriptures and coding them as we read. Why we are doing this? To slow down and become aware of what the Holy Spirit is teaching us as we read. The voice of the Holy Spirit will take faith to follow. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the plans that God has for you. Ask Him for wisdom. Pray for awareness of His presence. There are also the **SOAP** questions to help guide you as well. (**SOAP** stands for **S**cripture **O**bservation **A**pplication **P**rayer.) There are lots of ways to study God's Word. The key is to just do it. As we spend time with God, we become more like Him.

CODING GUIDE:

(If you do not have these colors adjust to what you have and make a coding guide in your study notebook.)

Yellow Highlighter: God is speaking personally to me.

Green Highlighter: Who I am to be or what I am to do.

Red Underline: Mind Blowing (something that stood out to you).

Black Circle: I do not understand this at all. HELP.

(Bring this up when you are in Life Group to discuss.)

7. **Scripture. Read** [Matthew 19:16-30](#) and study the Scripture and gain deeper understanding of surrounding yourself with God in all that you do. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you as you read these passages?

Take time to read this passage and allow God to speak to you. Jot down anything that made you stop and pause or anything that you questioned. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it out fully in your journal.

8. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in these verses? What overarching theme or promise did you see? What did the specific verse that you were drawn to teach you?

What do you think God is saying to you, personally and specifically, in these Scriptures? (You can even have a short prayer at this point, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Remember that He promised to give us wisdom and reveal truth to us when we ask.)

9. **Application.** How will you apply what God showed you through these verses?

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or correction in an area of your life. Examine what God is speaking to your heart about your possessions right now. Write down how this Scripture applies to you today.

10. **Pray.** Pray about what you read in [Matthew 19:16-30](#). Pray about what God revealed to you in these verses.

This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so take time here! Be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.