



SUBVERSIVE ADVENT

Discussion Guide: Generosity in a Consumer World

Passage: 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:6-15

Summary: Generosity is a beautifully-disruptive act in a world all about consuming and Christmas is the original act of subversive generosity. How does God's generosity toward us free us to become a generous people who give joyfully? How will you practice subversive generosity this Christmas?

Discussion Questions:

1. How does our world form us to be consumers who are never satisfied? What examples do you see this time of year? What does that tangibly look like in your own life?
2. How is the story of Christmas a story of generosity? (See 2 Cor. 8:9)
3. Paul encourages us to be generous, not out of compulsion, but joyfully. Why do people give out of compulsion? What does compulsive generosity (with time, skills, or your money) look like in your own life?
4. Paul tells us that as we commit to generosity, God will generously provide all that we need to be generous people. How do you feel about that promise? Have you seen that happen in your own life? Or, does it feel hard to believe that? Why do you think that is?

Take some time to pray for one another, asking God to form you into generous, life-giving people.