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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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*This guide is intended for personal reflection and to help facilitate a meaningful group discussion. Take a moment to watch the video and read over the guide before your group meeting. Be prepared with some personal examples to help encourage discussion. If helpful, before you meet, print out or email a copy of this guide to all those who will attend the meeting.*

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# Joyfully Generous

## CREATING GENEROUS ACTS OF GENEROSITY

We're working with what God has already provided us—nothing is our own. That's the honest, humbling truth. Even, and perhaps especially, if you started your own business. In fact, you're creating out of the ingredients that God created first. Stewardship is recognizing this humbling truth while ownership is a prideful view of place in the world.

Generosity is having an open hand with the resources—the businesses—that have been entrusted to us. Beyond the bottom line, how can I create consistent ways of using my business to help humanity flourish?

As a Faith Driven Entrepreneur, we see ourselves as stewards of God's resources. We understand that He has entrusted these resources to us to steward effectively according to His purposes rather than our own.

And because He is generous with his resources, we can be generous with our business. After all, it's not ours alone, but a gift of God's calling in our life to create.

Establishing a culture of stewardship and generosity takes time. Change is a long, persistent, consistent process. And it takes faithfulness on our part to see it through with God as our guide. And that's the beauty of it all. God is calling you into a partnership with him.

When you create a culture of stewardship, it changes how you run your business. No longer is the bottom line the bottom line. Profits become people. Ledgers become invitations. And you become attentive to the opportunities God places all around you.



### GUIDING SCRIPTURE:

*"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
—2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

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ACTION	FOCUS	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>Welcome</b>	<p><b>QUESTION:</b> What burdens are you carrying? What do you need to put aside today to be present and here to support your growth and contribute meaningfully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 seconds around the circle</li> <li>• Verbalize what to put aside.</li> <li>• Option to write and put in a basket.</li> </ul>	10 mins
<b>Video Session</b>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION:</b> Generosity is having an open hand with the resources—the businesses—that have been entrusted to us. Beyond the bottom line, how can I create consistent ways of using my business to help humanity flourish?</p>	15 mins
<b>Group Discussion</b>	<p>As a Faith Driven Entrepreneur, we see ourselves as stewards of God's resources. We understand that He has entrusted these resources to us to steward effectively according to His purposes rather than our own.</p> <p>Ask each person to share and incorporate any learnings from the video. Here are a few questions to get you started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How might God be calling you to steward your business rather than own it?</b></li> <li>• <b>How can you be generous with your business?</b></li> </ul> <p>Facilitator asks if any members would like to share an action they are committing to take this month based on the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group members share any practice they would like to start or discontinue in their personal life of business via Zoom chat or post-it note</li> <li>• Other members agree to pray for and hold them accountable.</li> </ul>	45-60 mins
<b>(Optional) Business Spotlight</b>	<p>One individual presents information on their business venture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One person shares about their business model, stage and scope</li> <li>• Participants ask questions and get to know more</li> </ul>	10 mins
<b>Prayer</b>	<p>The group wraps in a time of prayer and encouragement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popcorn prayer—Designate one person to begin the prayer and another person to end the prayer. Then allow space and moments of silence for people to pray as they feel led.</li> <li>• Zoom rooms or small groups for prayer</li> </ul>	10 mins

## Discussion Questions

In this session, Henry invites us to seek out ways to be cheerful givers who are joyfully generous with others. There are specific tactics we can commit to out of an abundance of gratitude and thanksgiving to God. Here are a few more questions to help your group go even deeper in discussion.

### *CHEERFUL GIVING*

A generous spirit is what we're called to as Christians. But perhaps not how one might expect. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he writes that "God loves a cheerful giver."

- **What does it mean to give cheerfully?**

### *JOYFUL GIVING*

To be joyful in our giving, we need first to be open-handed with our money and resources. This is both a heart posture and a practical discipline. And there are specific tactics we can employ.

- **What are some practical ways we can be joyful givers?**

### *RADICAL GIVING*

Going even one step further is to be radical in our giving. This invites us to be creative. To pursue God's own heart in the way that we manage our resources. Pay it forward at a restaurant. Tithe on assets rather than income. These are just some examples.

- **What personal ways can you give radically? What about your business?**

## 5 Ideas to Explore the Mark Further

There's no limit to the ways you can explore the Marks of a Faith Driven Entrepreneur. What we provide below are five ideas we think might lead each one of us to an even greater understanding of our God-given call to create.

1. **Journal:** Have you spent much of your life giving out of obligation or compulsion? What would it look like for you to be a cheerful giver? Explore this invitation from God and how it might change the way you look at generosity.
2. **Interact:** This month, seek out ways to be a cheerful giver who is joyfully generous with others out of an abundance of gratitude and thanksgiving to God.
3. **Consider:** Money is a big part of life. So big, that we don't always realize how much we are affected by it. Journey of Generosity is a small group gathering online or in-person that explores living with Jesus-like generosity in your marriage, your relationships, and your whole life. Learn more here [generousgiving.org/events/jog](https://generousgiving.org/events/jog).
4. **Act Differently:** Do you have a plan for how you will give? Too often we rely only on giving in the moment. And yet, having a clear vision for how you will be generous can be just as effective—and perhaps even more reliable. Develop a plan for how you will be cheerful, joyful, and radical with your time, treasure, and talents.
5. **Learn From Others:** Visit [faithdrivenentrepreneur.org](https://faithdrivenentrepreneur.org) to learn more or join the conversation by listening to our weekly Faith Driven Entrepreneur Podcast.

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