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week 2

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*kaleo* | called to...  
care – **generosity** – serve – mission

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying to you into action steps. We are *kaleo*, or **called by** Christ to be generous beyond what we can afford.

Read **2 Corinthians 8:3**

- Describe a time when you benefitted from another person's generosity. How did this person's generosity make you feel?
- Think for a moment about your possessions. What is the one thing you own that holds the most value to you personally?
- At what times or in what situations do you feel it is easier for you to be generous? At what times can it be difficult?

Read **Psalms 112:5, Proverbs 11:25, Acts 20:35**

- Which resources (time, finances, possessions, your home, etc.) are you currently being generous with? Which resources could you be more generous with?
- What kind of impact do you think it will have on others as they see us become more generous and give beyond what we can afford?

Read **Acts 4:32-37**

This passage gives us a look at the early church and how Christians were generous with all of their possessions.

- What attitude did the believers have toward one another? (4:32)
- How did the Christians show their unity? (4:32)
- How effective was the apostles' witness? (4:33)
- What quality enhanced the unity and service of the early Christians? (4:33)
- What did some wealthier Christians do from time to time? (4:34-35)
- How did these believers disburse the money they got from selling their lands or houses? (4:35)
- Do you think you could donate or sell something as valuable as real estate or a vehicle to help someone in need? Would it be difficult? Why or why not?
- What was exemplary about Barnabas? (4:36-37)
- How was Barnabas' generosity singled out? (4:36-37)
- Is it easier to be generous to strangers or to those we know such as our family, friends, or LIFEGroup? Why or why not?
- Describe someone you know that stands out as a true Barnabas.
- What type of impact on the world could the church make if all Christians were generous like Barnabas was in this passage?

**Next Steps:**

- How will you personally answer Christ's call to be generous beyond what you can afford? How will you answer this call as a group?