

Experience 5

# Generosity

Enough for everyone to be  
generous (1)

Generosity  
Discipleship  
Experience



# Recap



## Share stories from Experience 3 and 4:

*Habit 2 – Open yourself to the need of people and the community and places where you work and live.*

- Share some of your experiences on how you saw generosity opening the kingdom for others.
- What inspires you in hearing all the other experiences?

The aim of this experience is to ***cultivate the habit to decide what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.***

*“Even if you have nothing to offer a person, salt to taste is more than enough.”*

- African Proverb

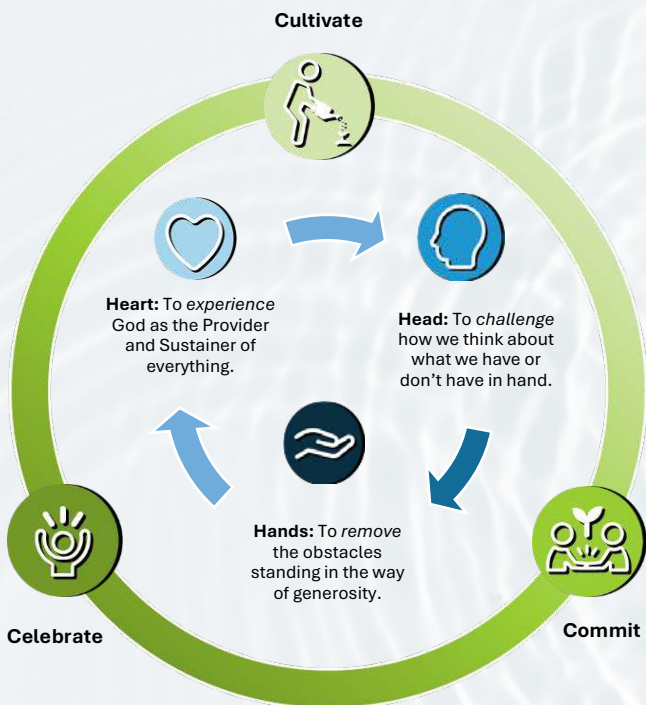
# Generosity and What We Have in Hand

We've already experienced that God has a generous and loving heart, and that generosity is a radical kingdom lifestyle. Embarking on this lifestyle will take our generosity even deeper.

As we dive deeper into our generosity experiences, we encounter a new set of challenging but also liberating questions. These questions center around what we have in hand (or don't have) to be generous with. Questions such as, *"How do we think about God's generous provision?"*, *"How do we use God's generous provision?"*, *"How does God's provision for us connect with the needs of the world?"*, or *"Do I have enough to also be generous?"*

It is liberating to be challenged with what lies deep within our innermost being – who we are, what we have or don't have, and how we act on it.

The next six experiences will focus on what we have in hand to be generous with and how to use it as part of a radical kingdom lifestyle. Experience 5 and 6 will focus on God's provision and the challenges we face to be generous with what we have in hand. Experience 7 and 8 will focus on how we steward God's provision in hand through generosity. Experience 9 and 10 will focus on how we care for the environment we live in.



In this experience the focus will be on the **relationship between God's provision and how we live generously from this provision.**

# God's provision is enough, not scarce

## God's provision and generosity

There are many views, perceptions and arguments around God's provision. It shows in statements like *"The Bible tells us that all followers of Jesus will prosper in wealth;"* or *"People suffer because they don't provide enough for themselves;"* or *"There is not enough for everyone."*

Experience 5 and 6 will deal with the two main belief systems that are obstacles in a lifestyle or generosity namely (1) a scarcity mindset and (2) the prosperity gospel.

In Experience 5 the focus will be on how to transform a scarcity mindset into a mindset of generosity.



**Read:** [Exodus 16:1-30](#)

- Reflect on the story of how God's people who embraced his provision in times of scarcity.
- What I take from this story is ...





**Watch:** [This Lie Can Keep You From Living Generously](#)

What did you experience and learn from this video clip about God's provision and caring for his creation?

- Creation?
- Mindset of scarcity?
- Life of Jesus?
- Kingdom?
- To live according to a different story?



**Watch:** [Big changes from Small changes](#)

What I take from this video is ...



**Reflection:** What keeps people believing the lie that there is not enough for them to be generous?

*My answer to the Lord is...*

# Generosity Lifestyle and Habits



## My lifestyle commitment (*What?*):

**Make a list** of everything (money, belongings, relationships, opportunities etc.) you received from God.

- How do you think and feel about God's provision in terms of what you have or do have in hand?
- What symptoms of a scarcity mindset do you see in your own life and the lives of others?



## **Habit 3:** *Decide what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.*

1. **Submit** everything on your list to God as an act of worship. Repent of the symptoms of a scarcity mindset in your life.
2. **Share:** The person with whom I'm going to share what I have experienced and learned is ...
3. **Pray** [Luke 12:31](#) (NIV) as answer to God  
"*But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.*"