



TOGETHER,
WE DO
MORE

— Resource Kit Vol. 2 —

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Hello!

Vital congregations have a culture of generosity.

What is that, exactly?

A culture of generosity isn't about ritual stewardship.

A culture of generosity is about becoming eager and joyful in our giving. It's about living out the lavish generosity we have received from Christ.

As we embody this culture of generosity in our lives, we model it for our congregations. It can be difficult to change the paradigm of giving from stewardship to generosity using only our Sunday morning sermon.

That's why we've put together this resource for you.

We've compiled a list of generosity curriculums here. From small-group to home-study options done in conjunction with a sermon series, there's a variety of sources here for you.

Remember to check out www.umcgiving.org for more resources to help you build a culture of generosity.

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generosity series

GENEROSITY SERIES

By **Generous Church**

Generosity is a four-week devotional study that can help your entire church rally around the biblical message of giving. At its core, this study is not about raising money in the church, but rather about raising disciples for the church. And, that is only one reason it is perfect for your children. As your small groups or Sunday school classes dive into these resources, they will learn about the radical generosity of God and will start to recognize opportunities to imitate God's generous ways.

WHO'S IT FOR?

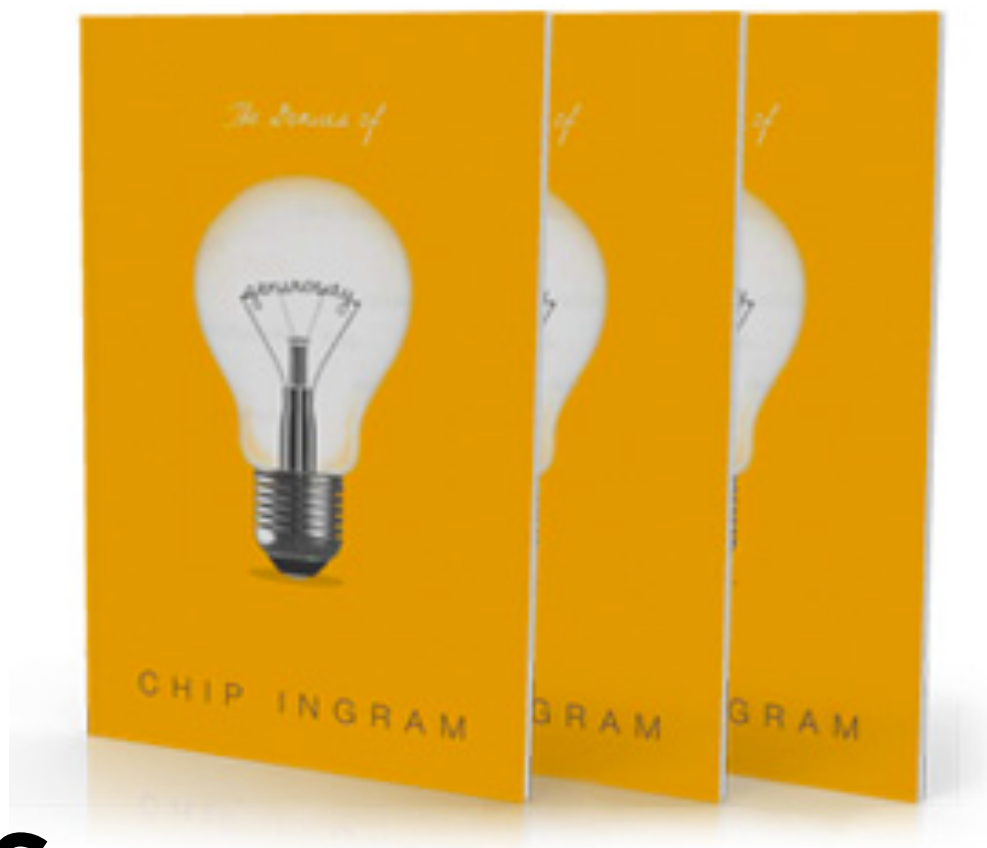
Children

4 Weeks



Free sample available

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GENIUS OF GENEROSITY

By Chip Ingram

Genius of Generosity is the latest resource provided by Generous Church. Created by Chip Ingram, it includes a book, a small-group video, curriculum and message transcripts — everything you need to create an effective generosity campaign in your church. Generous living is appealing to an unbelieving world, especially during these turbulent economic times. With church and family budgets stretched, how do you encourage generosity in your church? *Genius of Generosity* provides new, inexpensive tools to help you teach stewardship and generosity.

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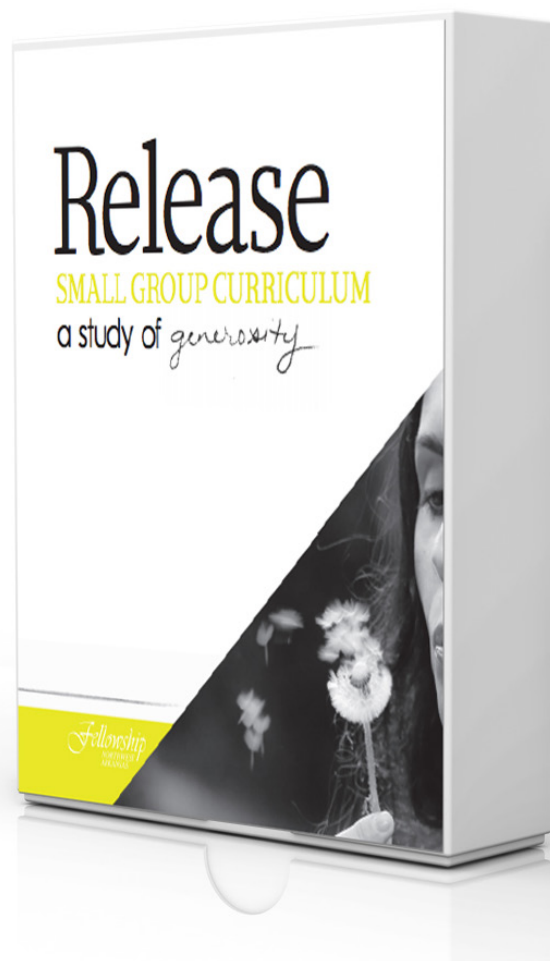
Small groups, Sunday school classes or a stewardship sermon series.

4 Weeks



Free preview. Includes videos, books, small-group studies and message transcripts.

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RELEASE

SMALL-GROUP CURRICULUM

By Chip Ingram

Generosity and our participation in generous living is not predicated solely on the work of an individual believer or on the teaching of the church's leadership, but rather on God's work in our lives. As you participate in the *Release* curriculum, the teaching, worship services, personal study and interaction with others over the next four weeks, we hope you will be reminded of God's generous gifts to us. First Corinthians 3:6-9 reminds us that though the church and spiritual leaders have the responsibility to sow and cultivate generous living in people's lives, God is the only one who makes things grow.

WHO'S IT FOR?

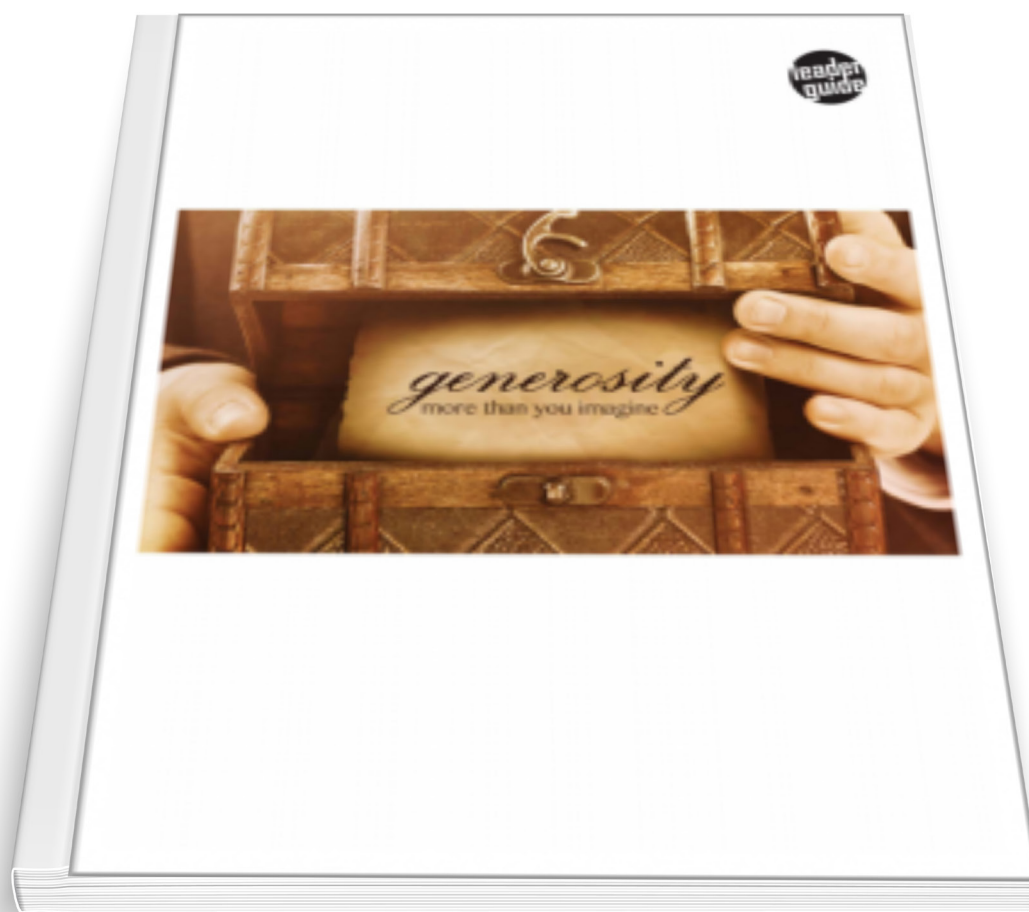
Small groups

A great four-week example of how an entire church can go through a study on generosity during a generosity campaign.



Free preview. Includes notes, guided Scripture readings and discussions.

<http://bit.ly/GenResource103>



GENEROSITY: MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE

By Relational Discipleship Network

This small-group curriculum series called *Generosity* has the power to change your life – to give you joy and an eternal reward beyond your imagination. The *Generosity Leader Guide* is small-group curriculum for the home-group participant.

WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups, home groups,
one-on-one studies

Six-week guide for leaders or
small-group participants.



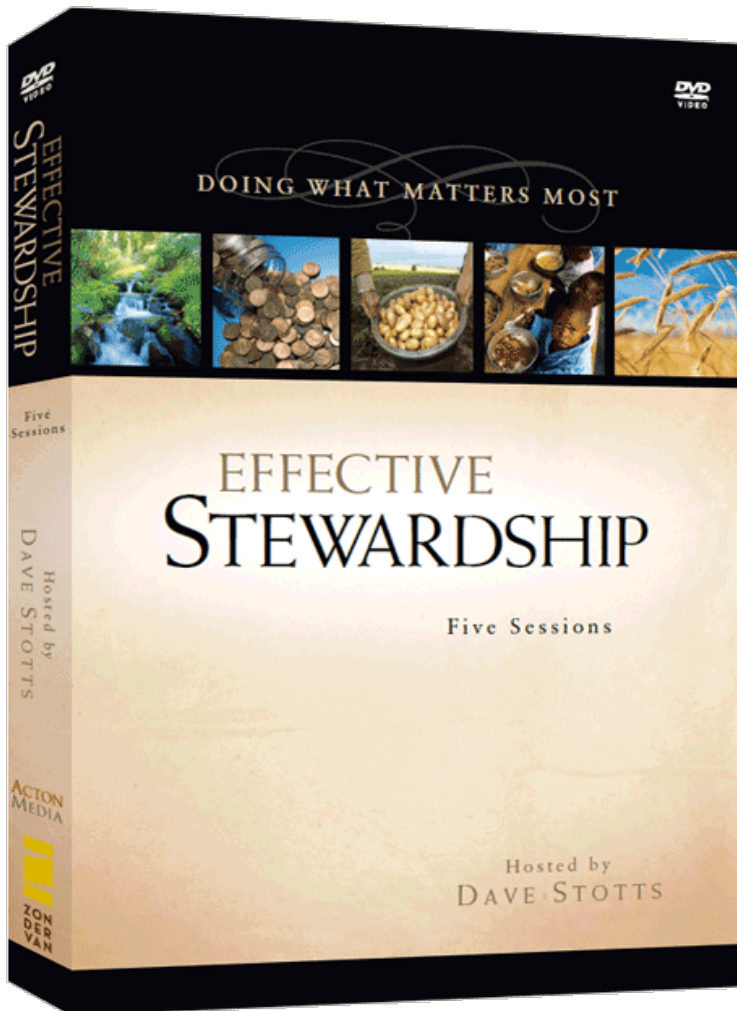
LEADER GUIDE | PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Full PDF included.

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EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP

By Action Media // Dave Stotts



WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups, individuals

Five-week study



Includes DVDs.
Discussion guide also available.
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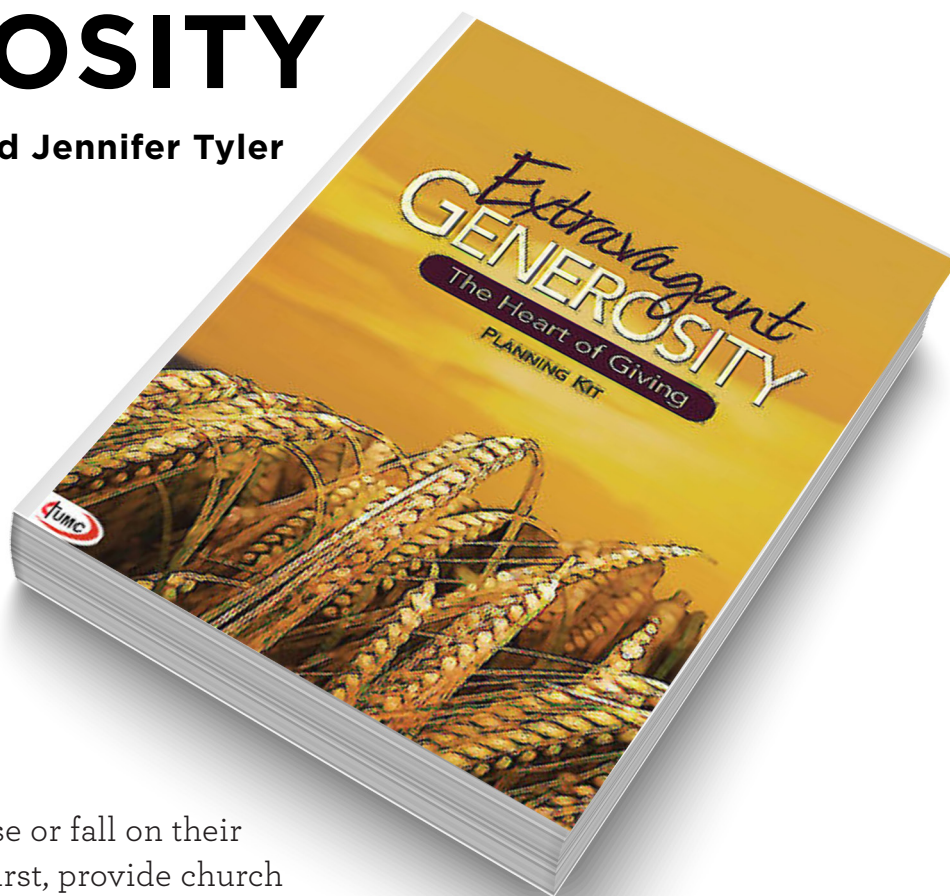
Effective Stewardship is about more than the money we drop into the collection plate. Stewardship is everything we do after we say we believe. In this five-session video study, hosted by Dave Stotts, you will learn how to think critically and biblically about the areas of responsibility that God has entrusted to you.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

By Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler

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Stewardship programs rise or fall on their ability to do two things: first, provide church leaders easy-to-grasp, yet comprehensive, help in planning and implementing the program and second, connect stewardship to the spiritual lives of all members. Plenty of programs have good ideas; yet, they fail to provide leaders with suggested sermons and orders of worship, email messages, letters, newsletter announcements, marketing messages and other detailed, practical help. Many programs explain the role of giving in the spiritual life, but they fail to involve church members in the day-to-day thinking and praying about their financial discipleship.

Created by Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler, *Extravagant Generosity* is built on Bishop Robert Schnase's groundbreaking book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*.

WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups, individuals

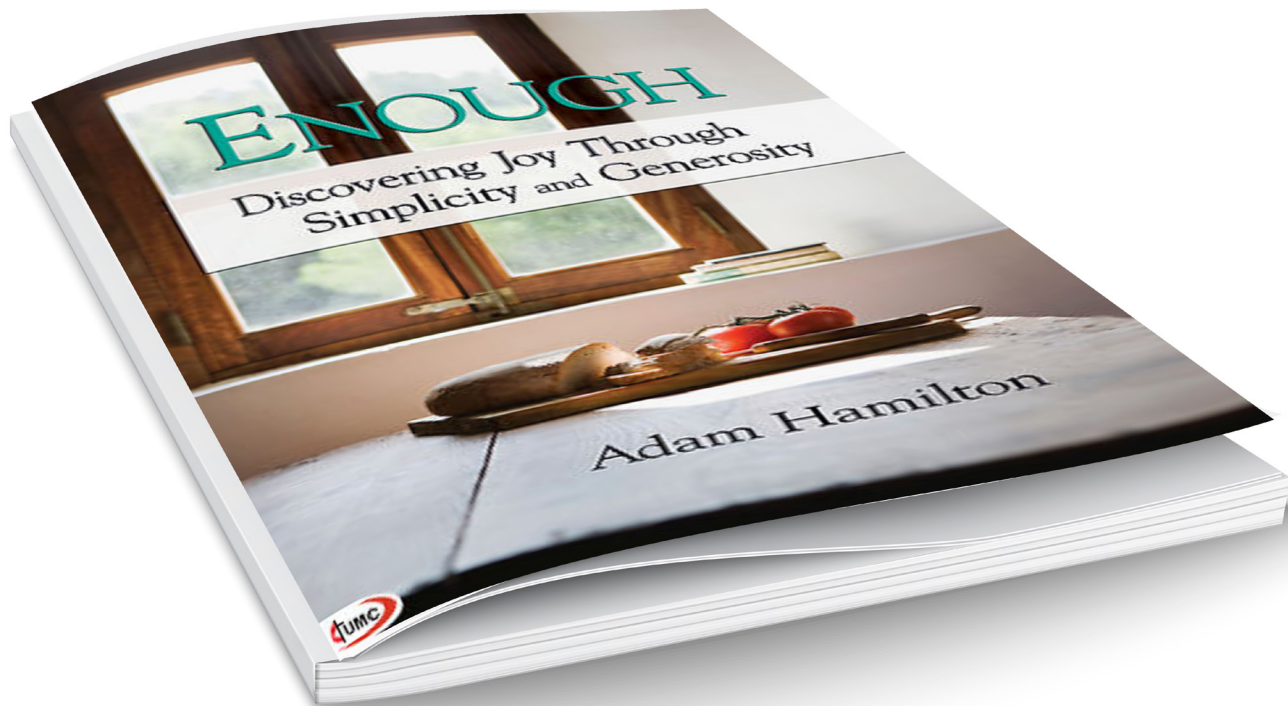
Six-week sermon



WHERE TO GET IT

Includes timeline, guidebook, marketing materials and email guides, a book of devotions, a small-group leader guide and DVDs for group study sessions.

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ENOUGH

By Adam Hamilton

WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups, individuals

Discovering joy through simplicity and generosity, a little more about stewardship.

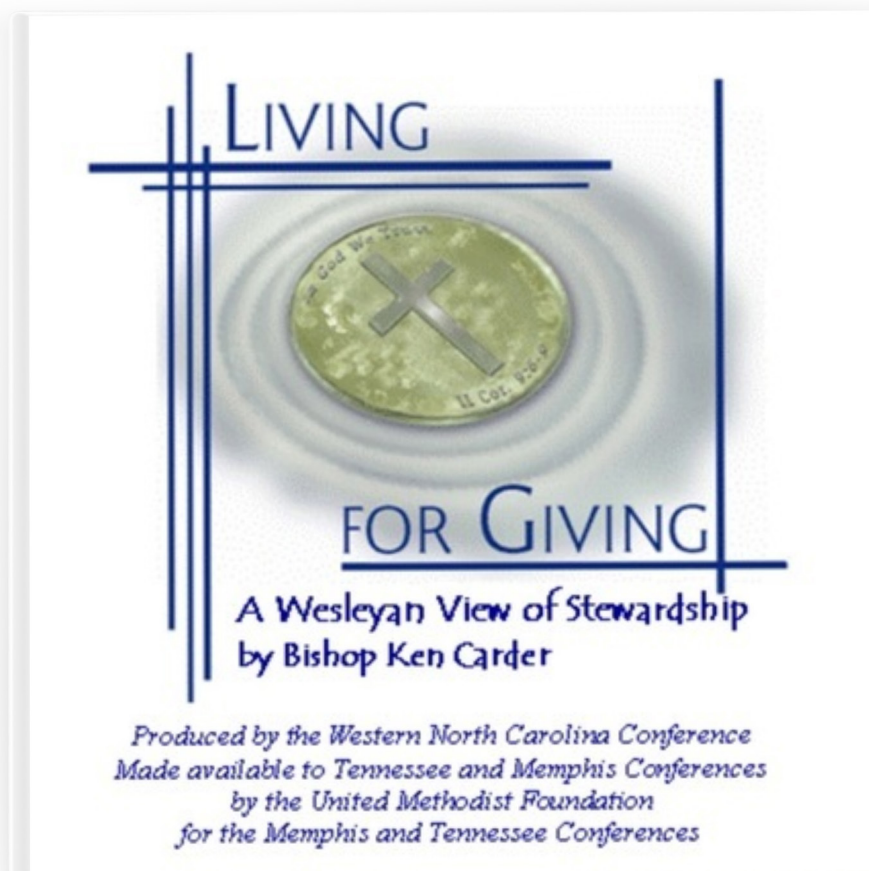


Includes a 110-page-book for small groups to read together.
Audio CDs are also available.

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Money has great power in our lives. Used wisely, it is one way to accomplish our goals, provide for our needs and fulfill our life purpose. In recent years, many of us ignored the wisdom of the past when it came to managing and spending our money. Credit card debt soared, savings rates plummeted and our home equity became something we tapped into and spent rather than a source of security in our retirement. We felt an insatiable desire for more. And, we found ourselves spending tomorrow's money today in order to have what we hoped would bring us happiness. The result of all of this was not greater happiness and satisfaction, but greater stress and anxiety.

Enough is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. In these pages are found the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money.



LIVING FOR GIVING

By Bishop Ken Carder

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This involves answering the call of Christ to be faithful and to be in mission to and with others. We cannot accomplish that call fully without being good stewards of all of God's resources, including finances. The main reason for giving is not to maintain the church as an institution.

WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups, individuals



Includes a study guide.

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

By Reimaging Generosity

Does 20 percent of your congregation do 80 percent of the work and give 80 percent of the budget? Are you tired of capital campaigns that feel stale and routine? *Reimaging Generosity* can equip you with the means to help your community rediscover the joy and freedom in giving.

Reimaging Generosity provides resources for your whole church. Our Generosity series combines film and teaching over a five-week period, immersing your church in the topic of generosity. Each series stands alone, but is done sequentially so churches can move from transactional, to relational, to sacrificial generosity. Revitalize your church's understanding of generosity.

WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups and leadership groups to do as part of a church sermon series.



Includes a seven-minute cinematic film, 3-minute teaching moment video, a sermon outline, a leader guide and a participant guide

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TRANSFORMED GIVING

By John Ed Mathison

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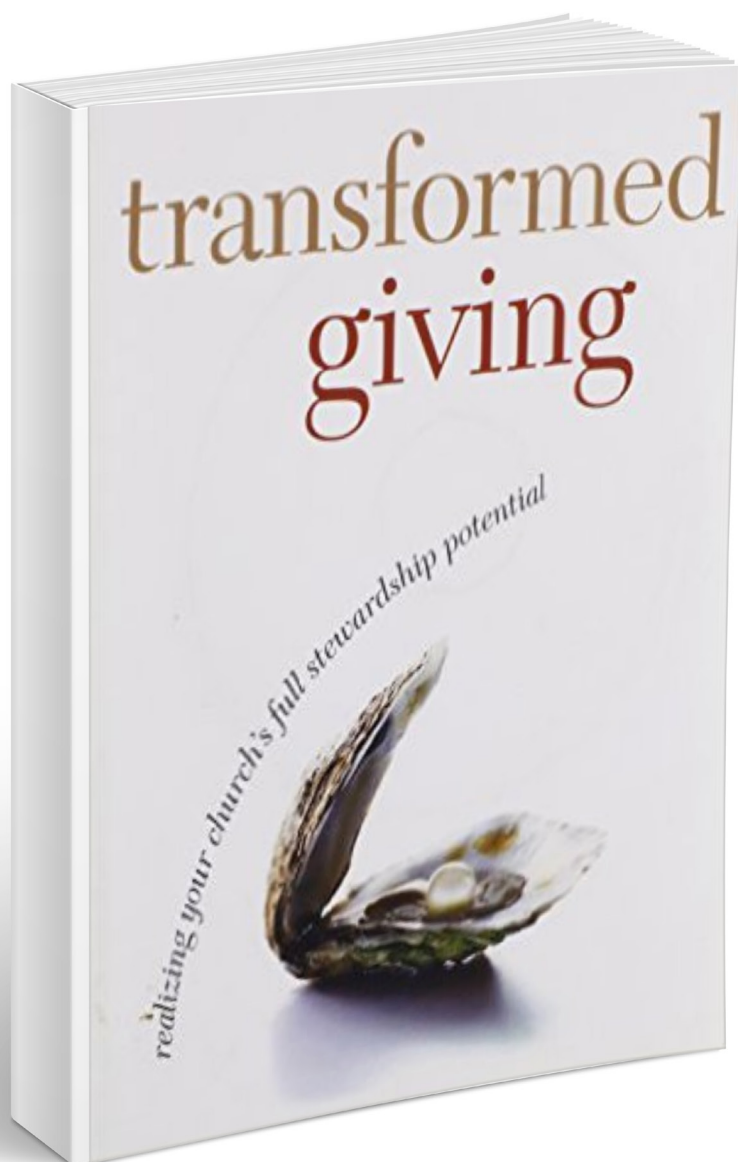
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Small groups,
individuals

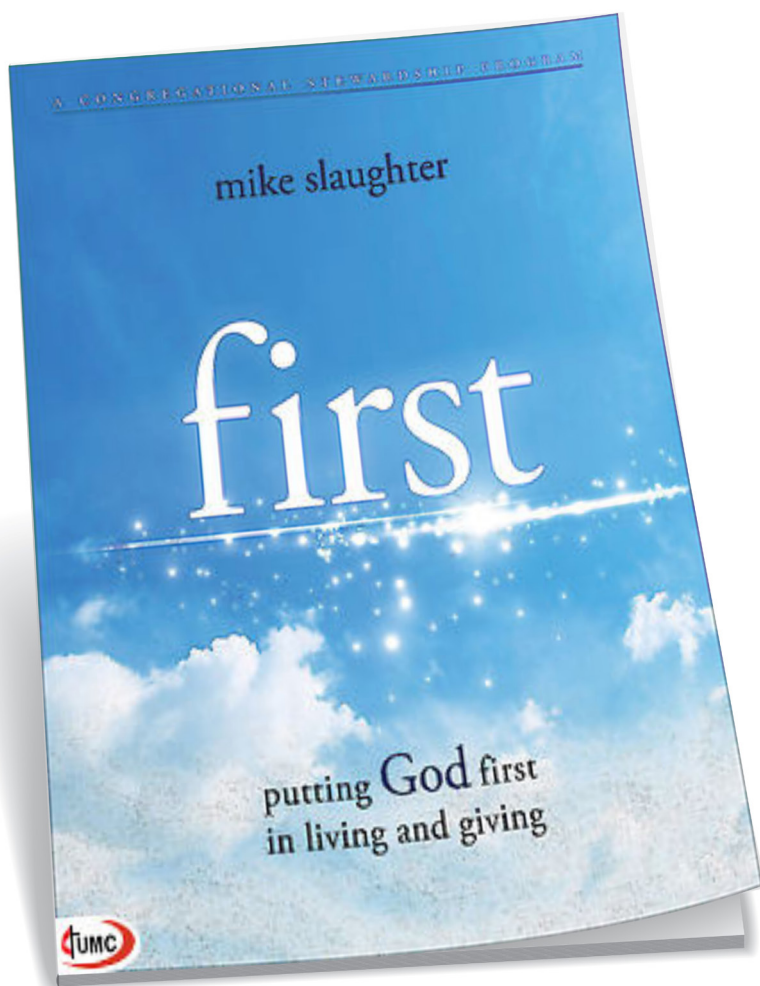
WHERE TO GET IT

Includes *Treasures of the Transformed Life* by John Ed Mathison and a participant's workbook campaign handbook as well as a media kit

<http://bit.ly/GenResource110>



Transformed Giving can unify the members of your congregation through 40 days of individual daily readings coordinated with six Sundays of sermons that build on those same themes, all provided in a complete turnkey kit. Everything needed to begin planning your annual campaign and to bring it to life within your congregation is in the program kit, *Transformed Giving: Realizing Your Church's Full Stewardship Potential*.



FIRST

By Mike Slaughter

WHO'S IT FOR?

Small groups,
families



This is a self-guided six-week program
guidebook for the individual

<http://bit.ly/GenResource111>

What happens when we truly put God first in all aspects of our lives? In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions, “enough” seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction. What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral? Would you take it? In the guidebook *first: putting GOD first in living and giving*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter conducts a four-week, all-church stewardship program to help participants reassess priorities and create a culture and lifestyle of faithful living and giving. To help parents educate and model generosity for their children, the guidebook includes components for children and youth that help families explore financial decisions together.

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