10 Commandments of Love Be Generous Romans 12:13

Discussion Questions

- 1. Take a moment and discuss as a group how you would define "generosity." Share an example or two showing on experiencing generosity.
- 2. Pastor Jim defined the word hospitality as the idea of "not just filling needs, but sharing your life with people." Based on this definition, what are some ways in which a person could be hospitable?
- 3. Pastor Jim points out that the call to be hospitable involves action but it also involves having the right attitude. To "practice" hospitality means to "strive after" being hospitable. What are some things that might make doing this difficult? What keeps us from being hospitable?
- 4. While there are many reasons why would do these things, Pastor Jim highlights a couple. One of them is the "promise of relational blessing," that doing so will bless and strengthen our relationships. Take a moment and discuss how you may have experienced this in your own relationships.
- 5. While there are various reasons a person wouldn't live generously, Pastor Jim highlights that a main reason is fear. What kind of fears would be associated with living a generous and hospitable life? Does anyone in the group have one such example?
- 6. God speaks to His great love and faithfulness for us throughout the book of Romans. As Pastor Jim points out, if He didn't abandon us when we disobeyed, how much more faithful will he be when we obey? Have any of you risked for the sake of obeying God? Been more generous than made sense? Share how God showed up in those situations.
- 7. We were given assignment to look at our 4 names and pray about how to be generous and hospitable towards them, but not just to pray, to actually do something. Take some time as you close to share some of your ideas and pray for each other.