

Group Guide: July

This guide is meant to be used alongside the Generous Life Practice booklet.

Welcome & Pray –

Icebreaker Question –

Do you have any summer-time traditions? If yes, share about one of them. If not, what do you think could be a fun one to start?

Review -

Take some time to chat about the practice introduced last month (shown below):

PRACTICE

Practice showing hospitality to someone you don't know.

Consider buying coffee for the person behind you, holding open the door for a stranger, or choosing to go second.

Invite the group to respond to: Take some time to share your experience with practicing hospitality – specifically with someone you didn't know. How did it go? What was the person's response? What else did you notice?

Grab your Bible & the Generous Life Booklet -

Read: Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG) – Read also Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV), From Walls to Wonder – Pages 11-12 (Questions are on page 13-14)

Reflect & Chat –

A large aspect of hospitality is the openness to share our time, talents, and resources with others. Loving others overflows from our life with God. Today let's talk about your experience of receiving generosity and how you hope to be generous.

Invite the group to chat using these questions...

- Share about a time that you experienced generosity from a neighbor.
- Think about a time that you were generous with someone, how did they respond and how did their response affect you?
- Reflect on Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG). What are ways that you can “keep open house” and “be generous” with your life?
- Check out the practice for the month (in the box below) ...what are your first thoughts about how you might invite a neighbor(s) into your life?

Practice - Read & plan to practice on your own between now and the next time your group meets.

PRACTICE

Practice opening your life to your neighbors.

Maybe through a driveway chat, sitting around the campfire, or inviting them to share a meal at your place.

Pray: Take a little time to pray for each other before you go. You could consider closing your time with the prayer on booklet page 18.

*If your group wants to dive deeper, check out the resources page in the back of the Practice Booklet.