

The Gospel Project for Adults, Spring 2018  
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Session 11

**Introduction: *Compare yourselves with animals.***

After you've introduced the lesson, read aloud the following quote from the Summary on page 143 of the Leader Guide: "Grace hoarded is grace squandered...God's gracious gifts are meant to be held loosely with generosity, not held onto tightly with greed."

Say something like this: "Humans are not the only creatures who hoard. Let's consider a few animals that hoard food." Read or show the information presented in this informational graphic: <https://www.sparefoot.com/self-storage/blog/13963-top-10-hoarders-in-the-animal-kingdom/>

Then ask, "Have you ever held on too tightly to something God gave you? How might we hoard God's grace?"

**Point 1: *Call attention to the benefits of generosity.***

Before you begin digging into the Scripture for Point 1, ask this question to your group members: "Is generosity encouraged or discouraged in our society? Would most people say they want to be generous? *Are* most people generous?"

Read some of the benefits of being generous from the article "9 Ways Generous People See the World Differently":

<https://www.becomingminimalist.com/more-generosity/>

Put something like the following statement into your own words: "These are valid points for even someone who does not believe in or follow Jesus; let's look at how much more we can value generosity as followers of Christ."

**Point 2: *Share an example of radical generosity.***

After discussing Point 2 in view of 2 Corinthians 8:10-15, read the following excerpt from page 123 of *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream* by David Platt:

A wealthier man in our faith family came to my office after we had been studying the story of the rich young man. ... For the next few minutes, he described how he was selling his large house and had decided to give away many of his other possessions. He talked about the needs he wanted to invest his resources in for the glory of Christ. Then he looked at me through tears in his eyes and said, “I wonder at some points if I’m being irresponsible or unwise. But then I realize there is never going to come a day when I stand before God and he looks at me and says, ‘I wish you would have kept more for yourself.’ I’m confident that God will take care of me.’ When God tells us to give extravagantly, we can trust him to do the same in our lives.

**Conclusion: *Show a video about the impactful nature of generosity.***

After you finish studying today’s Scripture, challenge learners to consider some tangible ways to be more generous this week.

In order to show how generosity can affect others, show the video “Giving \$100 to Homeless People” (3 minutes, 43 seconds):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G65z8p1YNhw>

**Teaching Tip of the Week**

Do your best to live this week’s lesson before you teach it. Be generous in creative ways during the week leading up to this lesson. Be willing to tell others how God graciously opened your heart to be generous to others.