

THE GENEROUS HEART

· A BIBLE STUDY FEAST FOR ALL ·

Takeaway!

A psalm. For giving grateful **PRAISE**.

SHOUT for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

WORSHIP the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

KNOW that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

ENTER his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his **LOVE** endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Psalm 100: 1–5)

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Read the following Scriptures together. Jot down the key message from each verse and discuss how they deepen your understanding of the importance of giving to God.

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- Malachi 3:10
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Matthew 6:1-4
- Mark 12:41-44
- Proverbs 3:27
- Hebrews 13:16
- John 3:16

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Read the following scenario together and discuss the modern-day equivalent for Nabal and Abigail's role within the story. The following paragraphs set the scene.

David has recently planted a new church and cares for his flock of troubled congregants. Due to difficult circumstances, David had walked away from the church of his childhood. One of the church elders, his mentor Samuel, recently passed away and David's grief is still raw. Samuel pointed out David's potential when he was a boy and told him that one day he would lead the church. These comments did not go down well with Pastor Saul who had always thought his own son Jonathan would step into his shoes. Due to mounting jealousy, and after a period of deep depression, David established a new church in a struggling community. It's hard, but he loves his work even with the challenges it brings.

Nabal is a successful local businessman. Many of Nabal's staff members struggle to make ends meet and regularly have to use the food bank at David's church. When he reads in the local paper that Nabal has had a particularly successful year financially, David sends members of his team to ask him for a donation to the food bank.

Over to you to discuss what happens next!

After creating the modern-day version of this story, group members may want to take it away and create a play script, short story or poem.

