

WEEK 4

THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Genesis 13:1-17 (NIV)



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Scaling Mount Everest isn't a spur-of-the-moment feat. Those who conquer the world's highest peak reveal a journey that consumed their entire being. Relentless training, transformed lifestyles and profound sacrifices. Yet all of these steps were necessary, eventually paving their path to the summit. Because with every step of preparation, they learned something that would come in handy along the way.

Over time, they mastered the art of climbing. They learned to decipher weather patterns, trained their bodies to thrive with less oxygen, and honed a vast arsenal of skills to rely on when the path grew treacherous. Their epic ascent of Everest began with a single, humble step around the corner and back.

Growing our faith mirrors this journey. It starts with small, deliberate steps of trust that grow into bold leaps of faith. We begin by entrusting God with the small, building toward surrendering the great. This was true for Abraham's faith. Early on in his journey with God, Abraham began to learn about selfless generosity.

Abraham exemplified radical generosity. He let Lot choose the best land first and later risked his life to rescue him. He pursued justice with his resources and gave a tenth of all he owned to Melchizedek. Abraham's actions reflect a biblical truth woven throughout Scripture: we can never out give God.

Abraham's faith grew with every step he took. By taking small, intentional steps, we discover that no matter how much we give, we cannot out give God's boundless generosity. His blessings flow anew each morning, His kindness endures forever, and His love knows no limits. His grace is a well too deep to fathom. We can never exhaust the abundance of what God pours into us.

1. What is the difference between how Abraham approached his property versus how Lot approached it? How does this impact you?
2. Faith is often built by looking backwards; we observe the ways God has cared for us in our past, and that propels us to take steps of faith into the future. Can you create a list of the ways God has cared for you in the past?
3. How can you take this concept of building faith and apply it towards your Let's Go generosity commitment?
4. Looking back at the steps of generosity you have taken in your life, how could your group be praying for you and encouraging you as you take another, larger step?
5. What would need to happen for you to be ready?

Prayer

Ask God to help our church family to step out in faith and trust. Courageously ask Him to ignite 100% of us to engage in this journey and that He would provide all the resources needed to fuel the vision for Let's Go. Pray for a generous, unified and extravagant response from all of us at The Compass Church.