**COVID CONVERSATIONS STUDY GUIDE**

**SESSION THREE**

Scripture compels us to serve others. Write down key references and then add the text when you have time:

Jonna spoke about the enemies of generosity. What prevents you most from being generous? What feels scarce to you?

What have you learned or how have you personally benefitted from volunteering?

In thinking through your God given DESIGN, what
ahah moments did you have? Have you determined a niche area of service in your life?

What mantras have you used, or will you use, to help you become more emotionally generous?

What are some specific ways you have or will volunteer or be generous during this pandemic period?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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List some benefits of volunteering:

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Name two enemies of generosity:

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2.

What evidence of generosity do we see from the church in Macedonia?

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God has given each of us a unique design and calling that He created us to fulfill so that we glorify Him. Write down truth about you in each of these areas and begin to see what God created you for!

**Dreams**

**Experiences**

**Skills**

**Interests**

**Gifts**

**Niche**

Are there some mantras that might be beneficial to help you become more emotionally generous?

**For Further Study…**

Read through the following text that describes the Macedonian church.

1. Underline evidence of generosity.
2. *Circle* evidence of their motivation(s) towards generosity.
3. **Pray** this scripture through and change the pronouns to make you the subject, asking God for the qualities and desires these believers displayed.

**2 Corinthians 8:1-7**

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.