# STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### Icebreaker:

Steph Curry says he practices "not until I get it right, but until I can't get it wrong." In your spiritual life, what's an area where you feel like you're still learning the "fundamentals"?

(Examples: prayer, consistency, trust, giving, loving people, etc.)

# Scripture + Discussion:

Discover: God as the First Giver

Read: Romans 5:6-11

- 1. According to Paul, when did God give Christ for us? Why does that matter?
- 2. How does knowing God gives first (before we deserve anything) reshape the way you think about giving?

Explore: The Spirit Makes Us Givers

Read: Acts 2:38-47

- 1. What changed in this community once the Holy Spirit came?
- 2. How do you see generosity expressed in ways beyond money?
- 3. Where do you sense the Holy Spirit nudging you toward generosity time, attention, hospitality, forgiveness, finances, encouragement, service?

Examine: Joy in the Midst of Poverty

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

- What are the paradoxes in this passage? (Examples: "extreme poverty + joy = generosity.")
- 2. Why do you think Paul highlights their poverty instead of hiding it?
- 3. When have you seen someone with very little give with great joy? What impact did it have on you?

## Confront: The Myth of "When I Have Enough"

#### Philippians 4:10-19

- 1. According to Paul, what is the difference between contentment and comfort?
- 2. How does practicing giving break the power of discontentment?
- 3. What would your life look like if you actually believed verse 19?

# Prayer & Practice: One Step of Generosity This Week

#### Choose ONE practical action:

- Give secretly to someone who can't repay you.
- Invite someone to your table.
- Pay attention to a need and quietly meet it.
- Declutter and donate items you've been holding.
- Repair a relational break.
- Give financially in a sacrificial not convenient way.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"See that you also excel in this grace of giving." — 2 Corinthians 8:7