



**February 14, 2021**

**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

1. Share a special memory of when you were on the receiving end of someone's generosity. What did you learn about yourself, God, or others through that experience?
  
2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. This study offers six motives for giving. 1. Give because it's an expression of the grace of God. (vv. 1-3) How does the grace of God expand our vision for giving?

3. 2. Give because you are eager to serve (share with) the Lord's people. (v.4) In what ways have you been a part of blessing fellow believers through generosity? What did you learn about your faith in God through that experience?
  
4. 3. Give because you see all you have as belonging to God. (v. 5) Mark made a reference to 1 Corinthians 6:19, "*You are not your own, you are bought with a price.*" How are these words foundational to a life of giving?
  
5. 4. Give because it proves your love. (v.8) How did God prove his love for you? Describe a time when you personally witnessed extravagant love demonstrated by a follower of Christ? How did that demonstration affect you?
  
6. Mark challenged us to memorize this verse:

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9*

How might it affect your generosity to be reminded that "If we know Christ today, we are rich."

7. 5. Give because God has given you the ability. (vv. 10-12) We have the ability and responsibility to give to meet the basic needs of those around us. Beyond basic needs, how do you work through your definition of “enough” when you consider how much you should give away?

8. 6. Give because God cares about equality. (v.14) How do you view the surplus that you have been given? What is your weakness when it comes to accumulating stuff?

Great Quote: *“Every time we give we break the grip of materialism. We protest against the myth that our lives consist of what we accumulate. We affirm our net worth isn’t our self worth.”*

9. Share with your group a positive next step you can make to increase your generosity. Here are some suggestions to help you grow as a follower of Jesus:

- Become a first time giver
- Become a regular giver
- Become a proportionate giver
- Become an extravagant giver

10. What is holding you back from taking your next step? How can your group members pray for you and hold you accountable to grow in generosity and giving?