

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: We Are the Church

Sermon: A Giving Church

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ 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.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ 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.

Reflection Questions:

- Why do you think people become uneasy when talking about giving?
- How does Jesus giving His life shape and motivate our giving?
- In what ways does giving bring you joy? What specific things bring you joy in our church?
- How does our use of money reflect our heart? In what ways can you give more of your heart to Jesus?
- What is one thing that you want to do differently this week as a result of the Scripture?

Guided Prayer:

Thank God for His grace toward your. Reflect on Jesus' gift of His death on the cross. Ask God to show you how He is inviting you to His work. Ask Him to help you to release more of your heart to Him. Ask Him to show you how He would want you to give. Thank Him for the generosity He has shown to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.