

“Jesus”

Open It:

- What’s something you’ve received in life that changed how you see giving or gratitude?
- Why do you think money and faith can be such uncomfortable topics to talk about together?



Read It:

-  2 Corinthians 8:1-9
-  1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Explore It:

Understanding Grace and Generosity

-  In 2 Corinthians 8:9, Paul writes, “Though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor.” What do you think it means that Jesus “became poor”?
-  How does this verse describe both the generosity and humility of Jesus?
-  Why is this passage about receiving grace placed inside a section that’s teaching about giving?
- What does it mean that “we don’t give to gain. We give because we’ve already gained everything in Christ?”
- How might remembering what you’ve already received from Jesus change the way you think about giving or serving?

The Example of the Macedonian Church

- What stands out to you about the Macedonian believers’ generosity “in the midst of severe trial and extreme poverty?”
- Why do you think they “pleaded for the privilege of giving?”
- Paul says they “gave themselves first to the Lord.” What does that reveal about the foundation of true generosity?

- Why is it important to surrender our whole selves before we try to surrender our finances?

Jesus' Model of Stewardship

- Jesus gave himself completely before asking anything of us. How does that example challenge your view of stewardship?
- The message said, "You must receive before you give." What are some ways we forget that principle in daily life or ministry?
- How can generosity flow from gratitude instead of obligation?
- What's the difference between biblical generosity and religious giving?

The Lord's Supper Connection

- How does taking the Lord's Supper remind us of Jesus' generosity and sacrifice?
- Why is this practice a fitting response to a message about grace and giving?
- How might regularly remembering Jesus' sacrifice shape your attitude toward giving time, talents, and treasures?

Do It:

- What's one "poverty-to-riches" moment of grace you can thank Jesus for this week?
- How can you remind yourself daily that you are already "rich" in Christ?
- What is one tangible way you can practice generosity this week—financially or otherwise?
- Where might God be inviting you to give yourself "first to the Lord" in a new or deeper way?
- How can your small group encourage one another toward joyful stewardship?
- How would your view of giving change if every act of generosity was seen as worship instead of obligation?