

## Why Church: Courageously Generous

**Passage:** 2 Cor 9:6-10:

*6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." 10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.*

**Main Idea:** Are you being generous with your resources in the church?

### Principles:

- 1) All of your money is not for you. Some of it is meant to help others.
- 2) God has been generous to us and he wants us to be generous to others.
- 3) God wants you to be cheerful in your giving; not reluctant or in response to pressure.
- 4) God provides everything we need and giving is one way we show that we trust him.

### Discussion Questions:

- How do you earn money? What is the first thing you do when you get money?
- Think of a good or a bad purchase you have made. What made it good or bad?
- Why do you think money feels so valuable?
- What are some ways God has been generous to you?
- This is a good way to start thinking about your money: Give some, save some, spend some. How much (percentage) do you think should go into each category?
- Have you started giving a portion of the money you receive? Discuss with your group how you would decide how much to give (v7).