

WEEK 8 | ONE PARADOX

Date: September 28, 2025

Verses: 2 Corinthians 8 + 9



SERIES INSIGHT

One Paradox is a walk through the book of 2nd Corinthians and the Paradox of the Cross. It leads us to live lives by Faith and not by sight. It challenges us to live according to what Jesus values, which is in contrast to the values of today's world. The question we'll wrestle with is this: what does the Cross mean to you?

ICEBREAKER

- If you could design a new instrument, what would it sound like?
- If you could only dress in one pattern or style for the rest of your life, which would you choose?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Paul highlights the Macedonian believers who gave generously even in poverty. What does it look like for us to give out of "overflowing joy" rather than from abundance? How can we cultivate a spirit of generosity even in seasons of personal lack?
3. Paul reminds us that Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. How does reflecting on Christ's sacrifice reshape the way you view your time, talents, and resources? In what specific area might God be inviting you to give more sacrificially?
4. Paul teaches that those who sow generously will also reap generously. Where have you seen God's blessing flow—spiritually, relationally, or practically—when you chose to give generously? How does this encourage you to trust Him more with your giving today?
5. Generosity not only meets needs but results in praise and thanksgiving to God. How can our giving—whether financial, relational, or practical—point others back to Christ? Who might God be putting on your heart this week to bless so that they give thanks to Him?

PRAYER

Share requests and celebrate praise reports. Take time for your group to pray for however long is needed.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

King Jesus,

We pray for an outpouring for the presence of God in: our heart, our home, our church, our city.

That may result in an awakening that leads to transformation of: our heart, our home, our church, our city.



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