



FROM THE BIBLE
2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NLT)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 2 | Get On The Blessing Bus

1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about things that make him feel *simply broke* instead of *simply blessed*. What's the most, out of the blue, random expense you've ever had that made you feel *simply broke*?
2. Most of us believe we are simply blessed until we talk about *generosity*. Why do you think the topic of generosity makes people feel *simply broke* more than *simply blessed*?
3. In this message, Joel said, *a lot of us live like we're riding on 'The Broke Bus' even though we're really riding on 'The Blessed Bus'*. What are some different perspectives & mentalities of each bus?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-2. How much did the Macedonians have & how did they feel? Do you find that combination surprising? Also, what overflowed out of their joy?
5. Joel said, *joy isn't found in jeggins...it's found in generosity!* How do you feel when you're generous? How much lasting joy do materials things bring you in general?
6. In this message, Joel told a story about him & Stacy fight over pillows. Have you ever had a dumb fight before? Joel's point was, *we fight over a lot that's not worth it. But joy is always worth fighting for.* How can we fight for joy in our life?
7. We defined generosity this way, *generosity is gladly giving away anything that's valuable to you.* Break that down & discuss.
8. Read 2 Corinthians 8:3-4. How passionate were the Macedonians about being generous?
9. Sometimes we think whatever we give (time, talent, or treasure) is so small that it won't matter. How has seemingly small generosity made a big impact in your life?
10. Joel concluded this message by challenging us to find a way to *excel* in our giving (see 2 Corinthians 8:7b) of *time, talents, or treasure*. What's one way this message & conversation has challenged you to give more generously?