



Bible study for the week starting December 12, 2021
Jesus Saves Christmas from Guilt-Driven Giving

SHARE

1. Share a time when you felt that you were successfully “coerced” into giving to something/someone.
2. Were you thankful that you got that push or resentful?
3. Share a time when you felt that you were successfully “coerced” into giving to something/someone and you later felt good about it ... that it was the right thing to do.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15.
5. What is meant by “ministry for the saints”? Who are “the saints”? Why were these various other churches gathering up an offering for the believers in Jerusalem?
6. Paul speaks of “stirring up” multiple times in chapters 8 & 9. When is it appropriate to “stir up” and when is it inappropriate?
7. In verse 1, Paul is being _____? When he says, “It is superfluous for me to write to you”. Why does someone speak like that? If the Corinthians were really that good at/excited about giving, he probably would not have needed to send this letter.
8. What is Paul saying in verse 5? What is an exaction? When does your giving sometimes feel, just for a moment, like an exaction? Share with the group the conversation you have in your own mind when this thought creeps in.
9. If we say we love the Lord more than fixing up old cars, but spend a great percentage of our money and time looking for, and fixing up, old cars and do not give our first portion (always at least the first 10% in the Scriptures) to the Lord’s work, then the way we spend our resources reveals our heart. This is simply Biblical teaching, not arm twisting.
10. Close by discussing again the differences between guilt, guilty, and conviction.

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER



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The SEASONAL Guilt Trip

It's for the _____

T F “giving is the RENT we pay for a place on this earth”

GUILT is the proper feeling we have from being GUILTY

Genesis 3, Romans 3:10, 23

Guilty FEELINGS are to lead us to REPENTANCE

2 Corinthians 7:10

FALSE guilt – one of SATAN'S devices

1. Our upbringing
2. Prove it
3. Make up for it
4. It's only RIGHT

Proper guilt addresses SELFISHNESS

Jesus' GENEROSITY frees and drives the believer

Embrace the guidance of the Apostle Paul

2 Corinthians 9

T Your PRICE has been paid

your appropriate giving is your THANK YOU note.