



STUDY GUIDE

2 Corinthians 8,9; 1 Chronicles 28, 29

"Leaning In Celebration Sunday"

12-03-2023

Consult the Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 8,9

1 Chronicles 28-29

Brainstorm:

Use the opening of your community group to think about a way (s) your group could together be generous to someone or a business that is needy during the holiday season.

Question for discussion:

1. Now that you know the results of the Leaning In Initiative, go around your circle and share your impressions. What are you most excited about? What do you hope we can improve on?
2. Take a "spiritual time out" and have a time of thanksgiving. Spend a few minutes giving thanks to God. What is it you are most thankful for in this season of your life? Express your hearts to the Lord.

3. Now that we've made our commitments, share any concerns you might have about following through. Is giving, going to become a habit or do you suspect that it may be difficult to finish what you've begun? Remember, this was Paul's concern with the Corinthian Church, and so he reminded them to be ready when he came to collect their promised gifts.
4. Pastor Patrick talked about our three giving priorities: Our **Family** (the week to week expenses of the ongoing ministry), our mission **Field** (the ministries outside of VLC that we support and new ministries we will help), and our **Facility**, i.e., the new Community Center (a place where ministry can happen). Will you pray for these key areas of our ministry? Let's adopt one of these buckets and support it week to week through prayer and giving.
5. In what way (s) has God changed you through Leaning In? (*Leaders, slow down here and give your people a chance to respond.*)
6. Talk about Big Boots/Little Boots. How has this idea impressed you? How much do you think about the future of VLC and the impact our ministry will have on those who come after us?

Leaders, Please express to your people how thankful Patrick, Tyler, and Steve are for your participation (fellowship) in this Initiative. It has been a great challenge and you all have come together to make it happen. We are excited to move forward, looking to the Lord for direction and growth.