

# THE NEW ABNORMAL

## Small Group Questions

### “Generosity over Hoarding” | Acts 11:27-30, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Week 2: January 16, 2022

1. What has been your experience (good or bad) with churches talking about money? No need to name specific churches/pastors here.
  - a. Do you think churches should talk about money more or less? Why?
2. Did you know? Both of this week’s passages (Acts 11 and 2 Cor. 9) were written in the context of local churches raising money to serve their neighbors in Jerusalem during the famine they were also experiencing. I wonder if Paul (wrote 2 Cor.) was inspired by the generosity of the church in Acts.
  - a. Share about a time when someone else’s generosity inspired you to be generous?
3. Steven said, “Choosing generosity over hoarding starts with choosing trust over worry.”
  - a. Do you agree/disagree? Why?
  - b. Why does giving make us nervous sometimes?
  - c. How has giving increased your trust in God?
4. Of the 4 biblical giving principles from Acts 11:29-30, which one stands out to you the most?
  - a. **Biblical giving is a determined response to God’s grace.**
  - b. **Biblical giving is done according to ability.**
  - c. **Biblical giving is actually given.**
  - d. **Biblical giving is to/through the Church.**
  - e. Which one do you see the most evidence of in your life?
  - f. Which one do you need to take a step of growth in?
5. Read 2 Cor. 9:6-7.
  - a. How have you seen both aspects of v. 6 ring true in your life?
  - b. How do you think we balance the command to give “not reluctantly or under compulsion” with the biblical command to tithe in Malachi 3:10?
6. If you as an individual/family were going to take *one practical step* toward living a radically generous life, what would that look like?
  - a. What barriers are you allowing to stand in your way of taking that step?

\*\*\*As you close in prayer this week, pray *by name* for specific people in your life who do not know Jesus. Pray that *they* would be open to the Gospel and pray that *you* would seek out chances to be fishers of men in their life and start a spiritual conversation this week.\*\*\*