

## **Which Worship God Passionately 2 Corinthians 8:1-5**

**Intro:** How do you describe a healthy church? What is a good starting point for a church to be healthy?

### **I. \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:5**

They acknowledged that Jesus is Lord of all and gladly gave themselves to Him first—passionate worship!

To worship God passionately means to acknowledge that Jesus who is Lord has the right to first place in our lives, and alone has the right to absolute trust and for our lives to be aligned with his will.

### **II. \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:5 (Also Matthew 6:33)**

A. God's will for your life is doing God's \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Do what is \_\_\_\_\_.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ God through what is known to be God's will

### **III. Assurance – 8:1-5**

God gave an abundance of \_\_\_\_\_ (8:1),

of \_\_\_\_\_ (8:2), of opportunity (8:2-3), and of

\_\_\_\_\_ as they were directed by God's will (8:5).

**Conclusion:** The churches of Macedonia show us that regardless of the circumstances or the times in which we live God will work in us and through us; God will bless us; God will be glorified as we make the choice to be passionate worshippers by giving ourselves first to Him.

## Small Group Questions

1. What do most people think of when the words church and worship are used together?
2. What did the churches of Macedonia do that set them apart as worshippers of God (2 Corinthians 8:5)?
3. How does Matthew 6:33 and Romans 12:1 clarify what it means to have the Lord first in our lives?
4. What are some areas of life that people find difficult to align with keeping the Lord first?
5. What assurances does Psalm 5:12; Matthew 6:33; and Philippians 4:19 give to those who give themselves first to the Lord?
6. How would you counsel someone who is struggling with aligning their life with God's will for their life?
7. How is God calling you to think differently?
8. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?