

## Sequoia Impact Communities are a place to experience real life & real impact.

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#### Radical Generosity #32 of 33— June 24, 2018

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### **SEQUOIA NOTES**

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### **Radical Generosity**

With Aaron Richert June 24, 2018



Big Idea: A Jesus-like Impact takes a Jesus-like generosity.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (NLT) Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once. <sup>3</sup> When I come, I will write letters of recommendation for the messengers you choose to deliver your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And if it seems appropriate for me to go along, they can travel with me.

#### **Pursuing Jesus-like Generosity:** (2 Corinthians 8-9)

Be <u>inspired</u> (8:1-5)

"...they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem." (v. 3-4)

**Be** <u>intentional</u> (8:6-8)

"Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving." (v. 7)

Remember the Gospel (8:9)

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." (v. 9)

Eagerness is key (8:10-12)

"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly..." (v. 12)

**Be content with "enough"** (8:13-15)

"...I only mean that there should be some equality." (v. 13)

The impact will be Physical and Spiritual Fruit. (2 Cor. 9:11-14)

"So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God." (2 Cor. 9:12)

> To make a Jesus-like impact, <u>receive</u> from and respond to the Most Generous One.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).