CONNECT QUESTIONS

1) **Thinking about this week, how was God at work in your life? Is there some way we can pray for you?**
2) **Last week, we committed to analyzing our spending (finance or time), setting a goal, and making a budget. What is your goal and what changes are required to reach it?**
3) **Can you remember a time when you were blessed by someone else's generosity? How did that feel?**
4) **Read the passage and reflect on Sunday's sermon. Have you ever felt forced or obliged to give? How is that different from *wanting* to give ("cheerfully")?**
5) **Jesus said that "it's better to give than to receive." How have you experienced this truth?**
6) **What are some ways we can be generous that don't involve money?**
7) **Prayerfully ask God to reveal someone in your life that could benefit from your generosity this week. How can you bless them, and how can you name God's love for them through that blessing?**
8) **What is one practical way that you can start giving God your first/best rather than what's leftover (time, energy, attention, money, etc.)?**
9) **Close in prayer: asking God to give us generous hearts and to help us share His love with others.**

Memory Passage

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10:00 AM

Song of Praise	*"House of the Lord"*
Call to Worship	
Songs of Praise	*"Way Maker"*
	"Goodness of God"
Prayer	**Bill Bonenfant**
Announcements	**Pastor Felisha**
Sermon	**Pastor Travis**

▪ ***Freedom to Give*** ▪

Song of Praise	*"The Servant Song"*
Benediction	

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NIV)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever."

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Notes:

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