



FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

November 13, 2022

Message Title: Living Sent

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

Points of Consideration:

The Corinthians' giving was attributed to God's grace (vs. 1)

The Corinthians' giving was abundant in spite of affliction (vs. 2)

The Corinthians' giving was according to and beyond their ability (vs. 3)

The Corinthians' giving was adamant because of their attitude (vss. 4-5)

Discussion Questions:

For the Christian, the principle of giving arises from the grace given to us by God through Christ Jesus. How does this shape what we give and how we give?

When enduring trials and suffering, we may be tempted to withhold our resources from God. How might give from a place of pain, suffering, and even poverty?

Consider 2 Corinthians 9:7. How does Paul instruct believers to give? How does this reshape our view of giving to the kingdom of God? How can we be cheerful givers?

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer ministry as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years.
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
 - Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
 - Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
 - Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.
 - Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.
- Consider praying how God might lead you to live sent in participating in this local church effort!**

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.

- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!

- Seach Elementary School, Weymouth, MA- Pray that God will give LCC favor in their relationship with this school. Pray for opportunities to cultivate relationships and share the Gospel.

- LCC hosted 400 people for their Fall Fun Fest, and over 50 families wanted more information about LCC as a result of that event! Pray that they will take another step in joining LCC for a service over the holidays, and pray that God will cultivate their hearts to hear and respond to the gospel!

- Pray for the Weymouth parish as they hold their first members meeting on December 4th. Pray for clarity, unity, and excitement as they look forward to what God wants to do in and through them in 2023. In Noah’s words, “This is a big milestone for our church.”

- Pray for God to provide office space for LCC Weymouth to use as a home base in their community. They would love to use this space for community engagement and to help them be more organized.

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!

- Be in prayer for the weekly FCA Huddles in the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. For some students, huddles are their only opportunities to hear God’s Word, and the Gospel is often presented in these early morning meetings. Pray for the message of Christ to take root and produce fruit in the lives of Morgan County students!

- Be in prayer for Year End Giving for FCA ministry resources. The goal is to raise \$30,000 this year to keep pace with the ministry, which has doubled in size in the past year and a half.

- Jason and Traci McBay will both be on staff for the FCA Winter Recharge in Cleveland, GA, on December 21-23. This camp is for all students 6th-12th grade. If you have a student who would like to attend, let Traci or Jason know! Please be in prayer for the athletes attending this camp!

Timothy Initiative

- Praise God for a peaceful deal signed between the Ethiopian government and Tigrayan rebels, which has been an encouraging development for the East African team.

- Thank God for a good period of rain in Kenya after the nation has experienced a devastating drought spell.

- Pray for the peace of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; there is currently significant tension between their government and a rebel group called M23. There is a Kenyan delegation there to mediate a possible truce; pray for the success of this mission!

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloi, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon's wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

Nursing Home Ministry

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn

Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls

Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.

Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books

Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume

6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale)

6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies

Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards

Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-Deodorant, Bangle bracelets

Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps

Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves

Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!