

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When has someone (friend, family member, pastor, missionary, stranger, etc.) pressured you to give them money? How did that make you feel?
2. Why are many people resistant to talk about tithing, giving and generosity when it comes to the spiritual disciplines? How do you think churches should approach the topic of giving?
3. Read Acts 20:35. To what degree have you found Jesus' statement to be true? Share a time when you gave a gift to someone and you felt like it blessed you more than it blessed him or her.
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-2. Contrast the difference in wealth between the Macedonians and the Corinthians. Does Paul's challenge to be generous to the Corinthians seem manipulative?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:3-5. Verse 3 states that the Macedonians gave "entirely on their own." How is it different to be compelled by the Lord to give sacrificially versus being manipulated to give?
6. Why would the Macedonians, who were extremely poor, "plead" with Paul to be able to give to the hurting church in Jerusalem? Have you ever known someone who pleaded so they could have the privilege of giving?
7. A congregation needs financial support in order to do the ministry the Lord has called it to do. Who do you think should supply the funds necessary to operate a church?
8. What do the actions of the Macedonians indicate about their heart for God and others?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 8:6-7. Paul urged Titus to "bring...to completion" this act of grace. Why does keeping our word matter?
10. What keeps us from giving tithes and offerings unto the Lord?
11. What next step do you need to take in order to grow in the grace of giving?



### The Overflowing Life

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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