



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of February 16, 2020

**Sermon: "Giving In Community"**

**Text: 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5**

## SUMMARY

While the first half of 2 Corinthians 8 helped us understand why we give, this passage shows us how we give. Paul helps the Corinthians understand that true Christian giving happens not in isolation, but in community, producing integrity and accountability with money for our good and to the glory of God.

## FOR FAMILIES

Have you had an allowance? What do you think about before spending it? Do you ever ask someone else like your parents if it is wise to buy what you want to buy?

Have you ever been jealous of someone else's toys or possessions? Have you ever felt embarrassed you didn't have the popular toy? What does Jesus tell us about this?

Have you ever forgotten something you really wanted to do? How could others help you to do the things you really want to do?

Paul says that talking about our money is one way we can be the glory of Christ. What do you think this means? How you reflect the glory of Christ to your friends?

## FOR GROUPS

In verse 21, Paul writes "for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man." How much should we think about what man thinks of our life? Is there a line where we no longer change based on other's opinions?

How can you increase integrity in your financial life? What does it currently look like to others?

What has kept you from talking about your finances with others in the past? What sin might be at the root of those reasons? How does the gospel speak to these reasons?

Are there times in your life when you have failed to give generously, either from lack of desire or forgetfulness? How could accountability have helped those situations? What would that have looked like?

What does it mean to be "the glory of Christ?" What does finance have to do with Christ's glory? How does financial accountability image the gospel to the world?