

Sermon Study | modgniK

Generosity Flows | 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

God wants us to be people in whom and through whom generosity flows like a river. In the earthly kingdom, stockpiling and security are the norm. But in God's kingdom, generosity stands out. At Traders Point, we are focusing on our generosity in four vision lanes: vulnerable children, churches in our city, new churches, and leadership development.

Warm-up Question: Describe a time when you were on the receiving end of a very generous gift. Talk about your reaction or the impact that gift had on you.

**Note to Leaders: Spend some time reading these verses together as a group. Maybe read them out loud or in a few different versions. Or print off the Scripture and take time as a group to underline and circle certain repeated words or things that stand out to you. You may also want to start off or end your time by checking in on anything that stood out from the sermon in general and/or the Daily Bible Readings over the course of the week!*

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

- Looking at verse 7, describe the type of giver God wants us to be. Why do you think God cares about our attitude or the heart behind our giving? How do you need to connect the grace you've experienced in your life to your heart's attitude in your giving? What kind of impact can your joyful generosity have on our vision lanes?
- According to verse 8, what are the personal benefits of giving? What promise do we see in verses 10-11? How have you experienced God's faithfulness in your own life in this way, whether it be materially or spiritually?

Read Psalm 24:1 and I Chronicles 29:14

- Twice in these verses, we see that *everything* belongs to God. Think about all the resources God has given you (money, people, our bodies, possessions). Make a list if it's helpful. Where might you be buying into the myth that these things are yours, instead of God's? This week, how can you begin to transition your thinking and start being a better manager of God's gifts to you?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 and Malachi 3:8-10

- Are you depending on money to make you happy or to bring meaning to your life? What are some practical steps you can take this week to stop loving money, whether you have a little or a lot? What meaning do our vision lanes have in your life and how do they speak to your heart?
- In the Malachi verses, God tells His people they've been robbing (cheating) Him in tithes and offerings. Then He issues a test in verse 10, the only time in the Bible God tells us to test Him. Aaron challenged us to start tithing over the next three months – how can you respond to God's grace through your generosity?

Reflect:

What is God saying to you through His word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 | God loves a cheerful giver.

Day Two: 2 Corinthians 9:8, 10-11 | Generosity flows.

Day Three: Psalm 24:1, I Chronicles 29:14 | It's all God's.

Day Four: Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 | The love of money.

Day Five: Malachi 3:8-10 | 'Test me in this.'