

Experiencing God in Our Finances

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Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say? Take some time to look up and read: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

1. Summarize the main principles, encouragements, or challenges about finances that Paul is communicating to the Corinthian church.

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 2. God gives us resources to use and to invest for him. Paul uses the illustration of seed to explain that the resources God gives us are not to be hidden, foolishly devoured, or thrown away. Instead, they should be cultivated to produce more crops. What is the difference between being a **steward** of resources and being an **owner** of resources.
- 3. What is the difference between these two "financial attitudes"? How does faith influence our "financial attitude"?- "We must tithe ten percent"- "We are called to radical generosity"

What does it mean to be a *cheerful giver*?

- 4. How is *God at work* in your finances? What is he providing? How is he getting your attention?
- 5. How can you *join God's work* with your finances? How can you be radically generous? Does your stewardship portfolio need "rebalancing"?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **

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