

# Strengthening My FOUNDATIONS

Giving  
2 Cor 9:6-15

This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to engage in making disciples in your small group. They are based off of the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you take the time to listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. You can find the messages on our website.

Prayerfully considering these questions will help equip you to practice mutual ministry with your family at Vertical. While it's not likely that all of these questions will be asked during your small group meeting, we believe that your personal walk with Christ will be strengthened as you meditate upon the truths that God is teaching you through His Word.

1. Pastor Joe referenced the new song New Wine in our worship set. What "crushing" and "pressing" is happening in your life to soften your heart of planting?
2. Are you growing in prayer, Bible intake, and fasting?
3. In what ways is giving a spiritual discipline?
4. How was "generous giving" defined in the teaching? (More than expected and needed). In what parts of your life would you describe yourself as generous?
5. Read Isaiah 1:10-17. What does this have to do with our teaching on giving? Discuss.
6. Pastor Joe said, "Your giving is an indicator of your heart for God" Do you agree or disagree? Why?
  - a. Do you trust God's heart and intentions with the money entrusted to you? How do you assess this?
7. If you could only use the adjectives in verse 6 to describe your giving, which one more closely describes your giving?
  - a. What are your next steps in order for you to grow in generous giving?
8. Pastor Joe said, "Everybody invests in what they value." According to your investments, what do you value?
9. Which promises from God's Word comfort you when you're anxious about giving?
10. What are the things you find easy to trust the Lord with? What things do you find hard to trust the Lord with? What category does your money fall into: Easy to trust the Lord or hard to trust the Lord? Why?
11. What are the six ways in this passage that God uses your giving? Of those six ways, which are near to your heart? Why?
12. How do you determine how much to give in an offering?