



Small Group Questions

#3 Giving Cheerfully

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-8

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or message?
2. Why does Mark keep going on about the importance of realising/ grasping God's amazing generosity to us in what he has done for us through the Lord Jesus?

Christian giving is planned

3. Everything about the gift from the Corinthians to the Christians in Jerusalem was planned. See 1 Corinthians 16:1. What was the significance of planning ahead?
4. 2 Cor 9:7 – what is surprising about in the instruction that we are to give what we have decided in our heart to give? What lessons are there for us in this?
5. What are some of the issues around the encouragement of some that we ought to give 10%?

Christian giving is generous

6. What does Paul mean by v6 re sowing sparingly vs sowing generously? Do you have an example to share of when giving generously resulted in reaping generously?
7. What is the difference between a usual gift that someone gives, and something that involves sacrifice? Do you think the way you give today, involves sacrifice?

Christian giving is cheerful

8. Does it really matter if someone gives grudgingly or cheerfully? Why does the Lord commend *cheerful* giving?
9. What does Paul's promise mean in v8 that when we give generously and cheerfully, he is able to bless us abundantly so that we have all we need *and* will abound in every good work?
10. How should one decide the proportion one gives to help the poor and the proportion given for gospel ministry and the expenses of the church?

Close by sharing with one another something new you're taking away from the sermon or the series?

Pray that we will be generously, sacrificially and cheerfully. Pray that the Lord would give us all – right across the diocese – and gift of giving so that we become more and more generous.