

# **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

These questions are designed to help groups discuss this weekend's sermon while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

Week of August 31, 2025

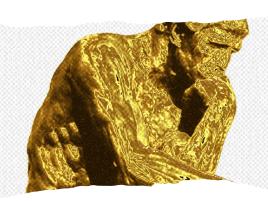
## **GETTING STARTED**

- What's a commitment you've made in the past (spiritual or not) that started strong but fizzled out? Why do you think that happens?
- When you think about "finishing the work" in your own discipleship, where do you feel encouraged? Where do you feel stuck?

#### DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE

- Read **2 Corinthians 8:8–15** aloud. Pause for 30 seconds of silence before discussing.
- What does this passage reveal about how God views equity and provision in His church?
- What do you think Paul means when he talks about "equality" (or "fairness")? How is that different from "sameness"?
- How does Paul use the story of manna from Exodus 16 to shape the Corinthians' imagination around generosity? What spiritual truths does that story highlight?
- Look again at verses 14–15. How does mutual generosity reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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### **HONEST REFLECTION**

- Brandon said, "Giving is hardly financial. It's spiritual." How do you respond to that?
- In what ways are you tempted to hold back because of fear, insecurity, or a need to "feel ready"?
- What might it look like for you to "finish the work" God has called you to—especially in this area of joyful surrender?
- Where might God be asking you to trust Him with your "plenty"—not just money, but time, presence, or encouragement?

#### PRAYER FOCUS

- Spend a moment asking the Spirit: "Is there any area of excess in my life that you want to repurpose for someone else's need?"
- Consider committing to one tangible act of generosity this week (e.g., financial, relational, or time-based).
- Pray that your group would grow in trust, not just in good intentions but in actual followthrough.
- Ask God to shape your heart to mirror the generosity of Jesus—who became poor so we could be eternally rich.

*Next week:* We'll be in Week 4 of Grace & Gold. Please plan ahead by reading 2 Corinthians 9:1-5.

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