



## 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 September 7, 2025

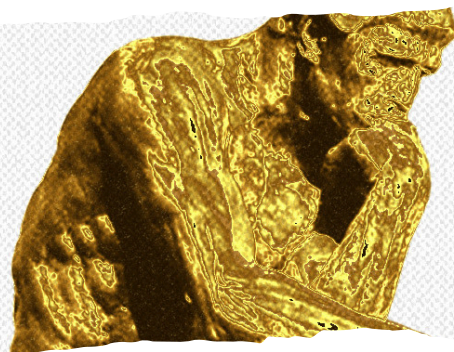
### GETTING STARTED

- Have you ever had someone speak well of you behind your back? How did you find out—and how did it impact you?
- Think about a time when you followed through on a hard commitment. What made it worth it?

### DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE

- Read **2 Corinthians 9:1–5** aloud. Pause for 30 seconds of silence before discussing.
- Why do you think Paul chooses encouragement and honor rather than shame or guilt to motivate the Corinthians?
- What's the significance of Paul sending the brothers ahead of time to help the Corinthians prepare their gift?
- In verse 5, Paul says their gift should be "a generous one, not one grudgingly given." What's the difference between those two postures?

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### **HONEST REFLECTION**

- Brandon said, "Integrity is follow-through. Honor is how we speak about each other in the meantime."
- Where do you see gaps between what you say and what you do?
- Why is integrity such a crucial part of spiritual formation?
- What's one area in your life where you've made a commitment but haven't finished the work?
- Are there people in your life who are counting on you to show up, give, serve, or follow through?

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Spend a moment asking the Spirit: "Where's the gap in my integrity? Is there anything I've said I'd do that I haven't followed through on?"
- Pray for courage to close the gap – not through shame or pressure – but through trust and joyful obedience.
- Pray that your group would be known as trustworthy, dependable, and full of joyful surrender.

*Next week:* We'll be in Week 5 of Grace & Gold.  
Please plan ahead by reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

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