

Cheerful Givers

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, November 12th, 2023



Sermon Title: Cheerful Givers

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:25; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Titus 3:3-7

Sermon Focus: Paul wrote that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). These words are from a letter that’s meant to encourage disciples to view life, particularly hardships, from a Kingdom perspective and inspire us to work out our faith. So, being *generous* is evidence of our maturity, our unity in the mission, and our solidarity with those in need. In *Cheerful Givers*, Pastor David invites us to be generous with our time, talents, and treasure (financial resources) in response to God’s grace and for the sake of the gospel.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. If you Google the word “generous” you are given this definition: *a person showing a readiness to give more of something, as money or time, than is strictly necessary or expected*. Think of someone in your life who has modeled generosity and been generous with their time, talents, and treasure (financial resources). Who comes to mind? Tell your group about this person. And share how this person has influenced you to be more generous in your life.
2. In 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9, the Apostle Paul is addressing how and why the church in Corinth needs to come through on their commitment to give a financial gift to the suffering church in Jerusalem. Have someone read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and Titus 3:3-7. Notice how Paul begins his plea for them to give with the generosity of God. How has God been generous with you? Also, do you agree that growing in generosity is part of being a mature disciple?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Reflect on several things that Paul says to the saints in Corinth about giving. How do you understand his “sowing and reaping” for the sake of the Kingdom? Have you seen this play out in your own life and in the life of Grantham Church? How do you feel you are doing with “sowing” into the Grantham Church and your sphere of influence? What is God saying to you?
4. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul says that we should be “cheerful givers” and not do so out of obligation or do it begrudgingly. What do you think this looks like on a practical, day-to-day level? For example, what should it look like when giving monetarily to the church? What does it look like to be “joyous” and “generous” toward other people on a regular basis? You might start by describing what it doesn’t look like in order to help you paint a clear picture of cheerful giving.
5. Giving a set amount regularly to the church can be a challenge for people, especially if they weren’t taught to do it. Why do you think it can be a challenge for some folks to give regularly from their income (i.e., tithe)? Consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33, spoken in the context of worrying about needs being met. How might Jesus’ words address our hesitancy to be generous?
6. What is God saying to you about being more generous with your time, talents, and treasure? Is there someone you need to mentor or disciple? Is there a way that you can serve? Do you need to begin giving regularly to the church or increase your giving? Be honest as you share. Once everyone has shared, close in prayer together as you ask God to help you do what he is asking of you.