

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Unwrapping Spiritual Gifts

Nov 3

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)
- What are some ways that you are currently being generous?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song: *God So Loved*
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: The Gift of Giving – Macedonian Churches

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

2 Cor 8:9

Read through 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.

In the message Sunday we explored the sacrificial generosity that exemplifies the spiritual gift of giving.

Today, we're focusing on another essential gift: the gift of giving. Generosity is at the heart of our Christian faith. In many ways, we are never more like God than when we give.

Our God is a generous God. He loved the world so much that He gave His Son. He lavishes good gifts upon us because He is a good and generous God. We're called to model that generosity.

While all Christ followers ought to be generous, some of us have been entrusted with the gift of giving. God has given you a heart that loves to bless others.

If we want to follow Jesus with all our hearts and live our Christian life in a way that honours God – this is an area where the rubber hits the road. This is where it gets practical.

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: **Reflecting on Giving:** Can you share a time when you used the gift of giving and how that impacted you?

Question 2: **Reflecting on God's Generosity:** Can you share a time in your life where you saw God's provision? How did that impact you?

Question 3: **Reflecting on Stewardship:** Financial stewardship is part of our discipleship. What does it mean to steward your finances well? How do you think financial stewardship helps in your discipleship?

Question 4: **Giving in Action:** How do you see giving at work in our church? What are some ways we, as a church, can foster a culture of giving? How does God use our giving to further the work of the church.

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about encouragement reflect on the following questions:

What does God want you to do this week in response to the message on generosity?

How does God want you to participate in Seeds this year?

Take time to pray for each other that God would use all of us in the giftings He has given us for the common good.