

Joyful Generosity 2 Corinthians 8-9| Kevin Yule

As a group, read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15, Psalm 50:7-15.

Grow in Your Faith:

- 1. Is 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 about giving? How would you sum up what Paul is teaching in this passage?
- 2. Often we see people giving, but not cheerfully, but only out of compulsion. Why does Paul say this is wrong?
- 3. Verses 6-9 talk about the effects of generosity. On a scale of 1 to 10, where would you place the "generosity meter" of your life? Why?

Connect in Community:

- 4. What is the purpose of our giving?
- 5. How does this passage relate to attitudes, blessing, and God's view of His Kingdom?
- 6. In light of this passage, why is teaching about giving such a difficult subject? Why do people in church often "cringe" when there is talk about money?

Live on Mission:

- 7. This passage and Psalm 50:7-15 give us a "Kingdom" picture of God and why He asks us to be generous. Discuss what God really wants when He asks us to give.
- 8. What are some ways you see Highlands' various ministries having Kingdom impact not just here on campus, but in our greater community (and country), and even overseas?
- 9. What are some existing ministries Highlands offers to prepare us for Kingdom impact? What might be some additional opportunities to offer more training and equipping in the future? (note: small group leaders, share any good suggestions from your group with Pastor Ed by emailing him: elutz@higlandschurch.org)