

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 25/26, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *If you were given 1 million dollars to give away, how would you dispense it?*

SET THE STAGE: *This week we begin a new series entitled "Overflow: When Joy and Generosity Meet". In 2 Corinthians 8-9, Paul writes to the church in Achaia to collect an offering for the saints in Jerusalem. This offering was desperately needed to meet the needs of impoverished believers who were also suffering under terrible persecution. Paul was encouraging the wealthier saints in Corinth and the surrounding communities to give sacrificially, and in the process experience joy in the process. Paul does not command them but rather compels them to give out of love and as an act of worship.*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

HEAD QUESTIONS:

What things did the Macedonian Christians do that made them an excellent example of faithful giving?
Why do you think Paul highlights their attitude in giving?
Why do some get upset when giving is talked about in the church?

HEART QUESTIONS:

How have your attitudes toward giving changed over the years?
How has giving as an act of worship helped to mature you as a follower of Jesus?
In what way might God be calling you to grow in your generosity?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

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How has giving been involved in your life to help reach others for Jesus?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER