

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 8/9, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

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

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *What change in technology in your lifetime has surprised you the most, & why?*

SET THE STAGE: *Paul continues his encouragement to the Corinthians for generosity in chapter 9. He knows they have good intentions to give, but good intentions are never enough to get us across the finish line toward action. Paul knows that motivations can easily wane, and other priorities quickly move in and steal our desire and passion to do what is needed. This happens to all of us when it comes to the mission of Jesus Christ. We all need encouragement and accountability to follow through on the commitment we have made to the cause of Christ. Let's pray that the Lord can help stir our passion for Jesus into generous action.*

READ THE PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

HEAD QUESTIONS:

- Why does Paul feel it is necessary to send "brothers" to check on them?
- Does that feel heavy-handed to you?
- Why would their lack of follow through in giving be a source of shame?
- What do you think of Paul bringing up shame in this context?

HEART QUESTIONS:

- In your experience, what makes the difference between giving "grudgingly" or giving "cheerfully"?
- How has generosity had an influence on your faith over the years?
- Is there a particular way God has been asking you to stretch in the area of generosity recently?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

BLESS

What role does giving play in trying to live the BLESS lifestyle?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER