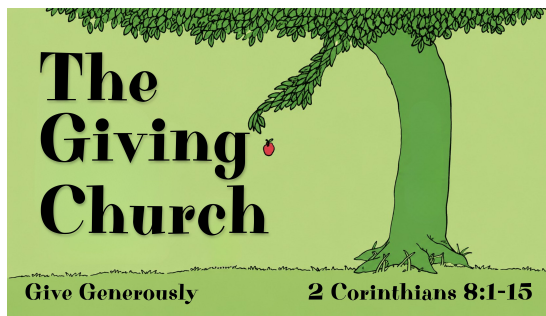




Give Generously Small Group Questions 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 July 5

Community

- If you could choose your name, what would it be and why?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. What do you know about the Apostle Paul's connection and dedication to receiving and delivering this offering to the church in Jerusalem?
2. Paul holds up the churches in Macedonia (Phillipi, Thessalonica & Berea) as examples to the Corinthian Church. What do we learn about these churches and their participation in this ministry?
3. What do you think about the churches "begging for the favor of taking part" in the offering? How does their attitude make you consider or reconsider your attitude towards ministry and giving?
4. Paul uses three Greek words; charis (favor but often translated grace), koinonia (taking part but often translated fellowship) and diakonia (relief but often

translated service) in reference to this offering. What do you make of his use of these three words to describe the offering being received?

5. How does Paul describe the Corinthian church in verse 7?
6. What does verse 7 teach us about maturity as a follower of Jesus?
7. How does Paul use the Gospel—specifically the description of Jesus in verse 9—as the ultimate motivation for generosity?
8. What motivates people to give, or not give? What can and should motivate our giving?
9. What causes people to be slow to follow through in ministry? How can we make sure we are ready to serve others?
10. With many sins, we know we are participating in the sinful activity (we know when we commit adultery, steal, murder or gossip about someone) but loving money too much is more difficult for us to detect or realize in our lives. What remedies to that lack of awareness are offered in this passage?

Pray to Close