

Discussion Guide

Bountifully (How to Give #2)

Week of Sept 26, 2021

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Group. The point of this guide is not to “get through the questions” (there’s no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

Icebreaker (Optional)

Share a time you were the recipient of extreme generosity.

Discussion

Open to 2 Chronicles 31

In 1 Chronicles 29 (two chapters prior to where you are about to read), Hezekiah becomes king of Judah. Hezekiah's father, King Ahaz, had been an unfaithful and evil king, leading the people of Judah far from the heart of God. So Hezekiah had his work cut out for him to get the people to follow God again. As he attempted to reestablish the priesthood, he sought to outfit the priests with what they needed to live and work.

Read 2 Chronicles 31:2-10 (Feel free to split among two readers)

1. Who do we see give to the project?
2. What do we see them give?
3. What words are used to describe the gifts of the people?

4. What was **the result** of the people's generosity?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6

5. Why does the Apostle Paul (the author) use a farming illustration when talking about money?
6. How does the concept of tithing (seen in 2 Chronicles 31) fit with the concept of giving bountifully (seen here in 2 Corinthians 9:6)?
7. How does 2 Corinthians 9:6 apply to your FIST (Finances, Influence, Skills, & Time)?

Making it Personal

8. What does giving of your FIST bountifully look like for you? What might God be calling you to change in order to give bountifully?

Memory Verse

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

Prayer

As you close in prayer, thank God for His indescribable gift of salvation through Jesus (2 Corinthians 9:15). Then ask Him to help you grow in generosity so you might bountifully give of your FIST.

