



Alleluia! Adult Ministries Sermon-Based Study for Connect Groups

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Title: A Generous Heart...Gives Offerings 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Connecting

Take a moment to introduce any new group members to one another.
Share a "High" and/or "Low" since the last time your group met.

Opening Prayer

Read Today's Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Discussion

1. How important do you think budgeting is for a business? How important do you think budgeting is for our personal lives?
2. Genesis 1:1 says that God created the heavens and the earth. Therefore everything is God's, and we are just the stewards/managers of what God has entrusted to us. Do you think most Christians believe this? Why or why not? Do most Christians live with this in mind? Why or why not? How do YOU feel about this biblical truth as it relates to your financial giving?
3. Guests for dinner would not be given leftovers. Read Proverbs 3:9. What is God's preference in this verse? How does this apply to our offerings to God? How hard is it to budget and give God our "first fruits" offerings vs. just the leftovers? Discuss the challenges we face in doing one or the other.
4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Giving offerings begins in the heart...how do you feel about this statement? Have you every given a gift to someone reluctantly or under compulsion? Is that really a gift? This verse says that God loves a cheerful giver. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest, how cheerful are you when it comes to giving your offerings, and why it's that number.
5. "Giving Offerings is heart work." Discuss what you think this means.

Closing Prayer