Open Hands WK2 - Finish What You Start

2 Corinthians 8:10-24; Exodus 16:16-18; James 2:14-17

_____ _____ on your _____ to _____.

_____ _____ from what you _____.

Let real _____ move you to real _____.

_____ what is _____ to you with _____.

_____ makes our love _____.

MY NOTES | OBSERVATIONS | QUESTIONS

OPEN HANDS WK2: Finish What You Start — ADULT DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is one thing from the message that God used to encourage, challenge, or grow you?

2. Share a time when someone followed through on an offer to help you. What difference did their action make?

3. We often say, "It's the thought that counts." When is that encouraging, and when can it become an excuse for leaving a generous intention unfinished?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:10–12. What stands out to you? What did Paul ask for? How does "according to what you have" both encourage participation and acknowledge genuine limitations?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:13–15. What does Paul want their sharing to accomplish? How does the possibility of giving help now and receiving help later challenge pride, comparison, or reluctance to participate?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 8:16–24. What steps did Paul take to handle the offering honorably? How do trustworthy stewardship and completing the gift help make Christian love visible?

7. What generous action have you been intending to take? What specific step can you take this week to follow through and complete it? Share with the group and pray for one another.

OPEN HANDS WK2: Finish What You Start — YOUTH DISCUSSION

1. What is one thing from the message that stood out to you and why?

2. What makes it easy to say, "I'll help," but harder to follow through? How might distractions or wanting to keep things for yourself affect your response? What could you do to overcome these?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:10–12. Why wasn't wanting to help the end of the Corinthians' responsibility? How does Paul's instruction show that you don't have to give as much as someone else to participate?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:13–15. What need was the offering meant to address?What are some things you have or steps you could take to help meet a real need?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:20–24. Why did Paul take care to handle the money honestly? If someone trusts you to collect or deliver something for others, what would integrity look like?

6. What is one generous thing you can follow through on this week with what you have? Share your next step, then pray together for God's help to put your care into action.

Prayer Requests:

SOAP! Take a few minutes to SOAP through the passages referenced in the message. Find them at the top of the notes page. You may want to include verses before or after the passage too.