

Message Notes | The Generous Life

Part 1: The Grace of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

→ The Generous Life:

#1 The generous life is a _____ life.

→ the generosity of the Macedonian churches - **vs. 1-4**

#2 When God's blessing comes _____ us, it should also go _____ us.

→ the source of generosity - **vs. 5-9**

#3 _____ generosity grows out of recognizing _____ grace.

→ what can I do?

#4 _____ .

Group Questions | The Generous Life

Part 1: The Grace of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

1. When you think of someone you know who's generous, who do you think about? Explain.
2. Do you consider yourself to be generous? Why or why not?
3. What are some reasons that people hesitate to be generous even though we have more than we need? Why do you think so few people are truly generous?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.** The generosity of the Macedonian Christians was truly remarkable. Which part of their generosity stands out to you most? Why?
5. When you think about being generous, what negative emotions does it stir?

Why do you think you feel that way?

What would it take for you to overcome those emotions?
6. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.** As a group, share at least 3 ways that Jesus affects our generosity.
7. **Agree or Disagree.** A generosity problem is a faith problem.
8. The world is filled with people who are angry and frustrated. What difference can loving generosity make?

What's one specific way that you can be more generous?

