



Week 2: Giving Generously

First, read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 together as a group. Then, watch the video, “Unstuck 1.”

1. What do you think about when you think about “tithing” or “offerings?” For you, is it an obligation? A joy? A frustration? A topic to avoid?
2. Over and over again, we talked in the video about how our giving is actually a response to what God has already given us. Consider, for a minute, what God has done in your life. Take a few minutes to respond below (in just a few sentences) to the following question, *“In my life, What has God done for me that I could not do for myself?”*

If you are comfortable doing so, go around the room and share your responses to that question.

Now. Try this: Considering how God has worked in your life, what is the most appropriate response to Him?

You don't have to respond to this out loud: How much of my time, resources, and finances could I and should I be giving as a response to His work in my life? If I'm giving that, can I give more? If I'm not, then why not?

3. In the passage we read out of 2 Corinthians, Paul says, *“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”*

What does this mean to you, in terms of how we live out our faith? What can we “sow” and “reap” for/from God in this world In terms of our time? Our Finances?

Has this concept of sowing and reaping been misunderstood in some Christian circles? What’s the right way to interpret and apply this passage?

4. In the video, we talked about how our giving and our offerings need to be seen not as a duty or obligation, but as our way of participating in what God is doing in this world. What can you clearly see God doing:

in our church?

In our community?

Globally?

How am I/are we participating with Him in those things? If I’m not, how can I/we start?

4. How are you doing, financially? Would you consider yourself “blessed?” Or, do you struggle with finances? Is money a source of frustration for you?

This is a bit more of a personal question, but if you are comfortable, please share your responses with the group. After all, the goal for us here is to get comfortable with one another, to hold each other accountable, and join together in growing deeper and going further in our pursuit of Jesus.

Either way, you might consider one of several resources available through our church, which both Jake McGregor and Chris Phillips would be happy to help you get connected with, because they both have utilized these resources themselves in the past. Don’t hesitate to ask us!

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At the end of your time together, Don’t forget to pray- both be thankful for what God has done, and to seek Him in what you might do to respond.