
God Made us – Saved us – Called us

Ephesians 1:13-14 | 1 Corinthians 7:23

Ownership is partnership in a divine and noble undertaking.

John 17:20-24 | John 14:4 | John 3:16-17

The focus of my heart matters to God.

Generosity:

- Is all about God. - Ephesians 1:13-14
- Is all about lifestyle (a way of life). - 2 Corinthians 8:2
- Is all about blessings. - Proverbs 22:9
- Is all about attitude. - 2 Corinthians 8:7
- Is for His purpose not mine. - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- Is about trust. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Is there a time you could share where someone has shown you amazing generosity? How about a time where God has moved you to be more generous than you thought possible? How did those acts of generosity affect others?

Connect to God's story

2 Corinthians 8 and 9 is written to members of the church in Corinth who, at one time, had responded favorably to helping others. So, Paul tells them about another church in their region that responded generously and joyfully even in the midst of their own suffering. The amount is not the aim but rather the spirit behind their giving that was life changing!

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

How does Paul describe the Macedonian churches' circumstances at that time? From what he describes, what is the most important reason they are responding so generously?

What attitudes do you see in this passage? How does your attitude affect your becoming rich in generosity?

How life-changing would it be to have someone in your life who is being tested by troubles and very poor and yet filled with abundant joy and overflowing in rich generosity?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:6-9.

What are some ways we excel at Real Life? What are some areas we could grow in excelling in? What part do you play in excelling in "the gracious act of giving"?

How does Jesus' poverty make you and I rich? Why is knowing the generous grace of Jesus essential in our growing generosity toward others?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:10-15.

What are the character traits Paul is wanting the church to develop? What are some key insights he gives us about giving? Are any of these traits ones you're being challenged to grow in?

Think about how you and your family practice generosity. What typically motivates your giving? Guilt, duty, expectations of God's blessing, response to circumstances, thankfulness, love?

Spend some time asking God to help us become a church that excels in generosity. Furthermore, ask Him what He wants you to do this week with the gracious provision he's overflowed into your life.

***For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer
and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide
and increase your resources and then produce
a great harvest of generosity in you.***

- 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer.

- Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- Pray for the ongoing funding of the building project
- Pray for safety of all workers on the remodeling.
- Pray for the broken-hearted in our community.
- Pray for God to continue the work He has done in the hearts of our students and leaders.
- Pray for opportunity in your life to speak life, pray for courage and wisdom to make the most of every opportunity.
- Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- Pray for my next step in reaching the one I am praying for.
- Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.

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