



SDG Discussion Guide

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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For starters:

What is one lesson about money you can recall learning from your parents or family figures?

What's the most difficult thing for you to give in terms of time or resources? The easiest? Why?

What was the worst part of your week? The best?

Guideline: The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.

As you can, read aloud the passage in your group; read it aloud a second time but from a different Bible translation (eg, read from the Message after first reading from the ESV). Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address *these*. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. By "sowing and reaping" imagery, is Paul saying that if you give \$100, you will get \$1,000? Why or why not?
2. What do you make of the three "alls" in verse 8?
3. For what purpose will God materially bless these people? How does generosity effect righteousness, and the ever-widening circles of people giving thanks to God?
4. How is giving contagious? How does it reflect God's grace?
5. Why is being able to receive also important (v 12)?
6. What have you reaped by being generous to others?
7. How can God's promise (v 8) enable you to be more generous? To persevere in your work?
8. How do generosity and financial planning and responsibility fit together?
9. As you can, read aloud the passage in your group a third time - if possible from a different Bible translation. What may God be highlighting for you now?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to continue to speak to you from his word in this passage. Continue to thank Him for His presence in your life. Ask Him for insight and guidance for where and how to concentrate your resources this season. Go forth once more with the knowledge and conviction of the power of the Lord God Almighty - both with you and for you.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).