



## SDG Discussion Guide

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

July 15, 2018

For starters:

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

What is a highlight of what you have learned from this sermon series on the seasons of life?

What is a lesson about money you can recall learning from your parents or teachers?

Interaction with the text: (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 passages in your group. Provided you can, read them aloud a second time but from a different Bible translation (eg, read from the ESV after first reading from the NIV). 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. What else did you notice? Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. By the “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. How have you recently been blessed by being a blessing to another?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw near to you anew in this prayer time. Pause, wait and expect his presence. Ask God to continue to speak to you from his word in these passages. Ask him for his peace and to help you help others in your life. Go forth this week with a renewed vision for generosity towards those around you... and expect the unexpected.

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