

Destiny

SMALL GROUP STUDY | 2 Corinthians 8

Generosity is part of God's nature and is a theme that comes up time and time again in the Bible. Over the next two weeks we're going to look at a case study of a generous church in 2 Corinthians, endeavouring to glean as much as we can from their example.

READ | What does the Bible say?

Read 2 Corinthians 8 (specifically 1-15)

REFLECT | What does the Bible mean?

- Q1. Summarise as best you can as a group what is actually going on in this passage.
- Q2. The word 'grace' is mentioned 4 times in the first 8 verses of this chapter. What is the connection between grace and generosity?
- Q3. There are several things that are remarkable about the generosity of the Macedonians. What is it that most strikes you and why?
- Q4. Verse 5 seems to be a pivotal verse. What does it mean and how is it connected with this remarkable generosity?
- Q5. Discuss what Paul is saying in verses 10 and 11. (NB Good intentions vs. good deeds)

RESPOND | What do I need to do now?

- Q6. How do you think the Macedonian example compares to typical Western Christianity today?
- Q7. What do you personally find most challenging about these verses?
- Q8. How can we become more generous, and view giving as a privilege, as the Macedonians did?

Suggested memory verse(s):

**But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
(2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV)**