

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 2 - 8, 2022

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## Strength in Weakness Becoming a Cheerful Giver 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Ukraine Relief Winter Initiative 2022: We are raising funds to purchase wood-burning stoves to provide heat and cooking for those in eastern Ukraine who do not have running water, heat, or electricity. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.
- 2) Connection class October 16 at 11:00 in the Conference Room. Sign up online.
- 3) Baptism October 30 after the third service. Sign up online.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Which do you prefer: If you could bring back a fashion trend, what would it be and why?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### BIG IDEA STATEMENT

"Becoming a cheerful giver happens as we realize that generous giving in response to God's grace leads to blessings in our lives, meets the needs of others, and brings glory to God."

### DIGGING DEEPER

"Becoming a cheerful giver happens as we realize that generous giving in response to God's grace..."

1. **1. Read 2 Cor. 9:1-5.** Why does Paul state that writing to the Corinthians about the collection for the saints in Jerusalem was superfluous? Was his writing actually superfluous or was it necessary? Explain.
  - a. **Read Heb. 10:24.** Why did Paul tell the Macedonians about the collection being taken up in Corinth?
  - b. **Read 2 Cor. 8:6-7.** What should this collection be a response to? How should this reflect in our lives?

2. **Read 2 Cor. 9:6-7.** What does it mean that reaping is proportionate to sowing? Why is it important that giving be both willing and cheerful?

“...leads to blessings in our lives...”

3. **3. Read 2 Cor. 9:8-11** (Ps. 112:9 cited). Here we see that should a person be led by the Spirit to be generous; God will do what in response? Contrast this with James 4:3. How will those giving generously be enriched?

“...meets the needs of others...”

4. **4. Read 2 Cor. 9:12.** The act of giving performs two actions. What are these two actions?

“...and brings glory to God.”

5. **5. Read 2 Cor. 9:13-15.** How does giving to the church correlate to others worshiping God? How does this promote unity?

## TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week’s study, what is important for you to remember and why?

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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