



## LEADER'S GUIDE – NOVEMBER 11-17



**HIGHLIGHT:** *Primary Passage from Sunday*

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**2 Corinthians 9:6-11:** <sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



**EXPLAIN:** *To Be Reviewed before the group gathering*

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Paul comes right out to address the Corinthians' motivation to give. He makes the case that we are capable of giving for many reasons but it's the cheerful giver - the one who gives out of the right motivation of joy that God delights in. How do we become cheerful in giving? We find trust and sufficiency in God, who's blessings are abundant, who provides the seeds for the harvest, and who blesses the crops for a generous harvest. It is with our giving, that God desires for us to give out of the joyful thankfulness that we have in Him and His provisions. This recognition of God's provisions turns our heart towards gratitude and generous giving.



## **APPLY: For Group Discussion**

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**1.) We have all heard the phrase “You reap what you sow.” What do you understand that to mean? How have you heard it used?**

**2.) Read verse 6-7. What do you think this verse 6 is saying?** We reap in proportion to what we sow. **What do you think makes the difference between sowing sparingly and sowing generously?** It is not the amount of money you give, but the motivation that you give with. God is not looking for a specific dollar amount, but a cheerful giver.

**3.) If you can’t give cheerfully, should you give? Why or Why not?** Read Matthew 6:21. Jesus shows us that if we want our heart to change, we have to change where our treasure goes. Our obedience to generosity will cultivate a heart of generosity. Put simply, give until you are cheerful.

**4.) In verses 8, it speaks to what we reap abundantly when we sow generously. How have you seen this to be true?** God will give generously to those that give. This may be financially or it may be other blessings. Let people share how when they have given, they have seen God bless them.

**5.) In your own words, what does verses 9-11 say?** Verses 9-11 are describe a “*Generosity Snowball*.” When we sow generously, we reap generously. When we reap generously, we sow more generously. **Put your “dream cap” on for a second, what could happen in our city, on LSU’s campus, and around the world, if everyone in The Chapel lived out verses 6-11?**



## **RESPOND: Bringing the discussion to a point of action**

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This week, decide as a group what need you will meet through the Generosity Jar.

- **Which cause do we want to meet as a group?**
- **When and how will we give to this person or ministry?**