



LEADER'S GUIDE – November 18



HIGHLIGHT: *Primary Passage from Sunday*

2 Corinthians 9:10-15: ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



EXPLAIN: *To Be Reviewed before the group gathering*

In this passage Paul revisits the thought he shared in 2 Corinthians 9:8 – we are blessed when we give in order to give more. Paul wants his readers, and in turn us, to understand that God doesn't bless us to up our standard of living but our standard of giving, because our generosity results in thanksgiving to God. Paul writes that when we give we're not only meeting the needs of others and showing thanks to God ourselves, but we are also pointing others to the generous heart of God. Paul ends this whole conversation on generosity where it began – God's indescribable gift of Jesus, who revealed to us in the flesh, the true generous heart of God.



APPLY: For Group Discussion

1.) Think back to a time that someone was generous to you. Share the story and describe how it made you feel.

2.) Generosity results in thanksgiving. What are the different ways that Paul shows the impact of our generosity? Our lives are enriched (v.11), God is honored (v.11-“thanksgiving to God”), and leads others to give thanksgiving to God (v. 13 – “others praise God.”3.)

3.) What is the “indescribable gift” that God gives us? Jesus Christ Why does Paul finish his passage on generosity with this line? Generosity results in thanksgiving and thanksgiving results in generosity. When we realize the generosity that God has given us it leads to thanksgiving which then leads to generosity. We are able to be generous with our lives because God was generous with his, even to the point of sparing his own Son (Rom. 8:32).

4.) What is one way that God has encouraged and/or challenged you in this 5-week series on Generosity? Maybe it is something you read, part of the sermon, a comment someone made in group, etc.

5.) What is a specific step that God is wanting you to take to be more generous? What is he calling you to do this week, this year, or next year.



RESPOND: Bringing the discussion to a point of action

Set a time, between now and your group’s last week of meeting of the year, for your group to finish collecting money for the Generosity Jar and plan for how you will give it away this year! This is a great thing to do for your end of the year party!

This is the last week of curriculum for 2018. Groups will finish the week of December 2. Groups will start back up January 13.