

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / NOVEMBER 17

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1–8 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “God put into you a desire to be remembered, a desire for eternal significance, a desire for your life to count for something beyond itself.”
- “What God wants is not a begrudging sense of duty that asks, ‘What do I *got* to give?’ but an overflowing love that asks, ‘What do I *get* to give?’”
- “You can be financially poor and still rich in generosity and joy; generosity isn’t about what you have, but the love in your heart.”
- “The happiest people in the world are generous people.”

### Group Discussion

1. Consider the Macedonian churches’ generosity despite poverty. What do you think allows someone to give joyfully, even in difficult financial circumstances?
2. Paul encourages cheerful giving, without compulsion. What does “cheerful giving” look like practically, and what might hinder us from giving this way?
3. In what ways does grace-based giving, as Pastor J.D. described it, reveal or deepen your relationship with Jesus?
4. How might your view of generosity change if you focus on the eternal impact of giving rather than immediate returns or recognition?

### TESTIMONY

- Describe a time when you experienced joy in giving to others or to the church. How did this affect your heart or perspective on generosity?

### PRAYER

- Pray for hearts that overflow with joy and generosity, asking God to cultivate a spirit of cheerful giving that reflects his grace.
- Pray that our generosity would lead others to thank and glorify God, creating a lasting legacy of faith and transformation.