



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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2 Corinthians 8-9

## Connect (10-15 mins)

1. Check in and follow up on any prayer requests or life events your group may have shared from last week. Anything to celebrate?

## Grow (10-15 mins)

2. Last week, our practice was to consider if there was someone you needed to have healthy conflict with and consider ways to make that happen. Did anyone have a hard conversation (speak the truth in love) last week they can share about? What did God teach you through that experience?

## Share (45-60 mins)

3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon?
4. What false teaching or misunderstandings did you have about giving to the local church or kingdom initiatives prior to the message? How did this passage change your perspective on giving?
5. Psalm 24:1 and 89:11 teach us that God owns everything on this earth, but trusts us to be His stewards. What is the difference between stewardship and ownership? How does a deeper understanding of stewardship change the way you view money, possessions, spending, and/or giving?
6. Summarize the difference between a tithe and an offering according to the sermon. How does this better help you understand giving to the local church and giving to outside organizations?
7. Read Matthew 6:19-21. As you consider the words of Jesus around the idea that the way we view and spend money reveals the true treasure of our hearts, what areas of your own heart do you need to search out and bring into the light when it comes to finances and giving? How can you begin to trust and worship God through giving?

**“God loves a cheerful giver”**

*2 Corinthians 9:7*



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## Practice: Giving Generously (15-30 mins)

### 6 Guiding Principles of Generosity

**Give of your firstfruits** (give at the beginning of the month, rather than waiting to see what's 'left')

**Give systematically** (regular rhythm of giving)

**Give proportionally** (give according to our means)

**Give sacrificially** (not surplus, give where you feel it and have to grow in trust)

**Give secretly** (do not let what you're right hand know what your left is doing)

**Give with joy** (not out of guilt or obligation)

Take some time to consider which of the 6 guiding principles above are most meaningful to you and which are most challenging. This is a time to get vulnerable as a group and view giving as a part of our discipleship. Just as we may ask for prayer around a circumstance, set up a plan for reading the Bible, or ask for accountability around a sin struggle, how can you grow in the area of financial stewardship and giving? End your group by writing out individual areas you'd like to grow in (evaluating both your heart and practical areas) with next steps and share with one another.

\*If this is an area you need more time to evaluate, please see the resources below and come ready to share in the future with your lifegroup.

### **Resources**

How to Give at The Well: <https://thewellcommunity.org/giving>

Foundations Week 8: Give Generously [Sermon by Brad Bell](#)

YNAB: [You Need a Budget](#)

Dave Ramsey ["Get Out of Debt"](#)