

Sermon Discussion and Application Guide

Giving As Thanks Giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6-15

Sunday, November 27, 2022

1. Open with prayer.
2. Read the passage.
3. Observe:
 - a. What do you see? Who? What? When? Where?
 - b. Are there any principles, warnings, commands?
 - c. Are there behaviors, attitudes, and practices that are encouraged or discouraged?
 - d. What does it tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves?
4. Interpret:
 - a. What is the main point of the passage?
 - b. Any significant subpoints?
5. From the sermon:
 - a. In 2 Corinthians 8:1-2, Paul speaks of God giving grace to the Macedonian churches. What grace is he talking about? Why is generous giving evidence of God's grace?
 - b. Based on 2 Cor. 8:1-4, how did the Macedonian Christians see the ministry of giving?
 - c. In 2 Cor. 8:8, Paul refers to Jesus' giving to motivate the Corinthians. Why is this an example of gospel motivation. Discuss what it means to be motivated by the gospel.
 - d. How does God's generosity free us to be generous?
 - e. Why does God love a cheerful giver?
 - f. Share some stories about how God has generously provided for you in times of challenging financial circumstances.
6. Apply:
 - a. What can we do in response to this passage?
 - b. How can you live differently in light of this truth?
 - c. Pray:
 - d. Pray for one another as you seek to apply what God has shown you in his Word.