

Connecting Group Questions

Sunday, January 31, 2010

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

The Grace Of God In Giving

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; and you may want to read 2 Corinthians 9!
2. What stands out to you about Paul's appeal to the Corinthian church in 2 Corinthians 8-9?
3. Why is it hard to talk about our money in the church or with other people? Are all Christians supposed to give generously? How would you define "being generous?"
4. Does the Old Testament principle of tithing* carry on into the New Testament? Why or why not? Does anything "replace" it for New Testament believers?
5. How did the Macedonian believers give according to Paul? What can we learn from them?
6. Why does Paul talk about giving money to the churches as part of "fellowship" (2 Corinthians 8:4)?
7. How can we experience the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ through giving? How should this change the way we give of our money and our material possessions?
8. What is the "fairness" that Paul is talking about in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15? Why is he concerned with fairness?
9. How can/should you apply this text to your life?

Memorize: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV)

* The religious act of giving a tenth for the support of a religious purpose. "TITHE," *AYBD*, 6:578.