

# WHY?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

## Why Generosity?

**Key Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-13

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

In this final message of the WHY? series, we asked the question, 'Why generosity?' What does the Bible say about being giving in general, and being generous in particular? What does it mean to be generous and how does that affect our relationship with God and with others? We see from the key Scripture that Paul encourages believers to give generously, cheerfully and not reluctantly. With God as provider, we can trust Him with all that He has given us. And we see by His example that He gave the ultimate sacrifice—His own Son—just how generous a God He is. Our generosity is an outward sign of our obedience to the Good News of Christ. Generosity is the currency of God's Kingdom.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a life group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Did you grow up in a home where generosity was modeled? What were your earliest experiences of generosity? How do those experiences shape your own generosity today?
3. Read the key scripture. Explain the illustration in verse 6. What is the application to giving?
4. What factors determine if a gift is given grudgingly or cheerfully?
5. How do we balance giving cheerfully rather than under compulsion (2 Cor. 9:7) with the need for obedience as an expression of our faith in Christ (2 Cor. 9:13)? What will this look like in practice?
6. How are our blessings like seed (verse 10)? Who supplies it, and what happens when we use it properly?
7. Read Psalm 112:9. 2 Corinthians 9:9 quotes Psalm 112:9. Why do you think Paul relates righteousness with giving?
8. If you are a Christian, what does your giving tell people about your God?
9. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

### NOW WHAT?

Prayerfully consider how you might respond generously to The Big Give.

