



Real Life Ministry ~ 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
May 31, 2026

Questions for the Community

What does the Bible say? (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. Re-read our passage from Sunday. What words or phrases does Paul use to describe the Macedonian churches?
2. What surprising contrast do you see in verse 2 between their circumstances and their generosity?
3. According to verse 5, what did the Macedonians give first before they gave their money?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. How does Paul connect Christian generosity to Jesus?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:10–15. What does Paul want the Corinthians to actually finish doing?

What does it mean? (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

6. Why do you think Paul calls generosity a “grace of God” instead of simply a duty or command?
7. How is generosity like a knife that cuts you free from money?
8. Review the Giving Principles offered on Sunday. Which stood out to you and why?
9. What part of the text most inspires you? challenges you?
10. What does verse 9 teach us about Jesus’ generosity toward us?
11. How can money, stuff, savings, comfort, or security become like “invisible fishing line” around our hearts?

What do I do? (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

12. Reflect on the generosity of Jesus every day for 7 days. Take note of how this changes you.
13. What story is your money currently telling about what you treasure?
14. What would it look like for you to “give yourself first to the Lord” in the area of money?
15. Is there a place where God may be inviting you to generosity that stretches your trust?
16. How can our group or church become more like the Macedonians: joyful, willing, and eager to get in on what God is doing?
17. What is the next step for you to take? How will you know when you’ve actually taken it?