

- 1) What is something you've taken away from the past three weeks on this topic of giving? How has God been working on your mindset towards gifts and giving?
- 2) Paul describes at least part of the purpose of the Corinthian's generosity to result in glorifying God and overflowing into thankfulness for God. How have you seen God provide for you financially? What has taken place, even in regards to your finances, that you could praise God for?
- 3) In 2 Corinthians 9:1 Paul says that he is essentially "preaching to the choir" or telling them what they already know and are willing to do. Why do you think Paul still gives them an encouragement? Why is it necessary to "preach to the choir"?
- 4) In the ESV translation, 2 Corinthians 9:5 ends with the word "exaction" and the root word carries the idea of greed. After reading the passages below (which contain the same word found in 2 Corinthians 9:5) how would you describe Paul's warning/urging from 2 Corinthians 9:5 in your own words?
  - Luke 12:15
  - Ephesians 5:3
  - 1 Thessalonians 2:5
- 5) Read 2 Corinthians 9:6... While this isn't a formula for becoming wealthy, how have you seen this principle at work in your own life?