

Small Group Questions

Week of October 11, 2026

Spiritual Practices: Generosity — 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

Getting Started

1. As you look back on our *Spiritual Practices* series, what is one practice, idea, or challenge you want to hold onto as we move into our next series?
2. Share a story of a time when someone else's generosity—whether with their time, money, attention, or something else—made a meaningful difference in your life.

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

3. What stands out to you from your first reading of this passage? Is there a word, phrase, or idea that catches your attention?
4. What was the collection Paul was organizing, and why was it important?
For additional background, read 1 Corinthians 16:1–4 and Romans 15:25–27.
5. What do we learn about generosity from the Macedonian churches? What makes their generosity so remarkable?
6. Can you think of other examples of radical or surprising generosity in Scripture—or in real life? What made those examples memorable?

“Excel in These Graces”

7. Read verse 7 again. Paul tells the Corinthians to “excel” in several areas. What do you think he is encouraging them to do?

Paul connects generosity with other areas of spiritual growth. What might it look like to excel **in...**

- **Faith** — in your relationship with God and in the way you live?
- **Love** — toward your spouse, family, neighbors, church, or those who are difficult to love?
- **Grace** — in the way you give, serve, forgive, and care for others?
- **Generosity** — with your time, attention, abilities, possessions, and money?

8. Which of these graces have you seen our church do well?
9. Spend some time encouraging and affirming those present tonight by sharing how you see them excelling.

Ex. Fireman Sam is always humble, gracious, and kind; people feel welcomed and loved around him!

10. Of the areas listed by Paul, where would you most like to **excel more**? What might growth in that area actually look like in your life?

Generosity and the Body of Christ

11. Read verses 13–15 again. Paul talks about **equality/equity**—not that everyone has the same amount, but that those who have more can help provide for those who have less.

How does this challenge or affirm the way we tend to think about possessions, resources, and helping one another?

12. What keeps people from being generous? Which of those barriers do you think is most common for you personally?

Bringing It Home

13. As you finish the *Spiritual Practices* series, how do you hope the practice of generosity will continue to shape the way you follow Jesus?