



## Seeds and Sowers

### Week 2 Study Guide

#### Main Passage: 2 Corinthians 8-9

##### Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- **Introduce the theme:** True generosity isn't accidental. It flows from a heart transformed by the gospel and a life prepared to respond when God prompts us to give.

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#### Discussion Questions

##### CONNECT

- When someone unexpectedly asks you for help (money, time, energy), what is your first internal reaction?
- Which resonates with you more: "I don't want to give" or "I'm not prepared to give"?

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##### DISCOVER

**Read Together: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

##### **2 Corinthians 8:1-5**

- What does it say about the faith of the Macedonians that "extreme poverty" and "abundance of joy" coexisted? Does anyone have a story of a time when this was true in their life as well?
- In the sermon, we talked about how the Macedonians received Joy from the Holy Spirit. What does it mean to spend time with the Spirit and how does that impact our daily living? (Check out Gal 5 for some insight on this)
- Verse 5 says they "gave themselves first to the Lord". What does that mean?

##### **2 Corinthians 8:7-9**

- What does it mean that Jesus "became poor" so that we might "be rich"? How might people misinterpret this?

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##### APPLY

##### **2 Corinthians 8:10-14; 9:7**

- In these verses, Paul is telling the Corinthians to prepare for generosity.
  - Do you currently plan for generosity?

- What would it look like to budget for obedience?
- What is one practical step you could take this month to prepare to give more intentionally and be prepared for when the Spirit prompts you?

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## RESPOND

Take a few minutes of quiet reflection:

Ask:

- Holy Spirit, is there anything I'm holding too tightly?
- Is there someone You're prompting me to bless?
- Is there a financial habit I need to surrender?

Write down one specific action step for this week.

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## GROUP PRAYER

- **Hearts transformed** by the gospel
- **Freedom** from anxiety and control
- **Joy** that overflows into generosity
- **Courage** to act when prompted by the Spirit
- **Unity** within the church family

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## CLOSING

**Remind your group:** Biblical generosity is not about guilt. It's about grace. God gave first. We respond.