

Week of January 29, 2017

Questions for Ohana

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

ICE BREAKER: Some gardeners have a green thumb, what color is yours: green – plants love you!, black- I don't grow things, red- plants die, blue- you love plants but they don't always love you, yellow- you are learning? As a group list the different kind of seeds you have planted.

A. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6

1. What is the universal principle of giving?
2. Why is it true?

B. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

1. How would you describe the Macedonians, economically and spiritually?
2. Verse 5 holds a key to why they were such givers, what is it?
3. How is Jesus our supreme example of giving in verse 9?

C. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

1. Where have you seen God give cheerfully?
2. Why is cheerful rather than reluctant giving so important?
3. What does it say about our understanding of God?
4. What are the consequences of giving in ourselves and in others?

D. Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

1. Explain the overflow principle.
2. What is the “overflow” in verse 12?
3. List the blessings of their giving in this passage.

APPLICATION: Read verse 6 again.

1. When have you sowed generously and your joy has increased?
2. When have you been reluctant to give? Why? What is the solution?
3. Are there areas God is wanting you to reap a greater harvest in your life by learning to sow more? Specifically, what are they?

PRAY in Small Teams of 2-4

Thank God for His indescribable gift of Jesus and salvation.
Ask God to help you in specific areas to sow more generously.

PRAY as a Group

Go around the room and pray verse 8 out loud as a group over each person one at a time. E.g. Patricia, “God is able to bless you abundantly... you will abound in every good work.”

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