

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

On Giving

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-4-why-you-should-not-tithe-selected-scriptures>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/7-reasons-christians-not-required-to-tithe/>

A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to bring Jesus into life. By becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God

GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God

GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world



Date: November 11, 2018

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Series: Heart of a Disciple

"Come follow me." Words Jesus spoke to two people who would be part of a movement that God used to transform people lives. What would it mean for Jesus to ask you to follow him? Explore the heart behind someone who says, "I follow Jesus."

2 Corinthians Overview:

Author and Date: Paul the apostle around 50-56 A.D.

First readers and their location: Paul wrote this letter around six years after visiting the Christians in Corinth. It was written to Christians in the city of Corinth. A common adjective describing Corinth was, "wealthy" (Chrysostom 44-115 A.D.).

Why was it written?:

The letters of 1 and 2 Corinthians addresses a number of issues regarding the church in Corinth. This second letter by Paul was written for a number of reasons.

- Paul's first letter wasn't well received because of the presence of false apostles in the church.
- Paul desired unity in the church, reconciliation and forgiveness among believers, generosity toward others, and Paul's message of Jesus being superior to that of false apos-

Open-up

Have you ever been the beneficiary of someone's unexpected generosity? Share your story of what happened?





Into the Bible

For context read: Acts 11:27-29, Romans 15:26,

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What contrast does Paul make between the Macedonian Christians and those in Corinth?

What is the heart attitude Paul is asking the Corinthians to give from?

What is some of the practical advice Paul gives to the Corinthian church?

Paul quotes Exodus 16:18 when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and needed food. Read Exodus 16:16-18. What does this passage reveal about God? What does it reveal about meeting needs? Why do you think Paul quoted it?



Into my life

Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"

Describe the role that money plays or has played in your life (i.e. burden, joy, task master, god, idol, tool). What shaped that view?

Have you received much biblical teaching on giving? If so, how has it guided you? If not, what do you think you have been missing?

Throughout the New Testament, Paul used many different words to describe an offering or a collection:

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 - collection / 2 Corinthians 9:5 - blessing / 2 Corinthians 9:12, Romans 15:27 - priestly service / Romans 15:26 – fellowship, partnership / 2 Corinthians 8:4 - service, ministry / 1 Corinthians 16:3, 2 Corinthians 8:1, 4, 6, 7, 9 - grace

How might this shape your attitude or action the next time you give a financial gift to Westwood Church, a community organization, a person in need, a missionary?

Are there aspects of giving that you, personally, must be careful of when you give (eg. The donation receipt, the public recognition, etc.)?

(More application questions on the reverse)



Into the World

Ask, "what does this look like in my church or world?"

How do you think you can give from what you have? 2 Corinthians 8:10-12? What might God be asking you?