

TOGETHER

Together In Giving | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1. How comfortable are you talking about money and financial matters? Why do you think money matters can often bring out such extreme reactions and behaviours both good and bad in people?
2. Begin by reading together 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Also read 8:10-12 as a reminder of why Paul is writing to the Corinthian church about giving. Why is Paul keen to write rather than visit the Corinthian church?
3. Read Matthew 6:19-24 How does Paul's message in 2 Corinthians 9 align with Jesus' teachings on giving? How do Paul's principles of generosity relate to the concept of "store up treasures in heaven"?
4. Discuss Paul's farming analogy in 9:6. What is Paul saying here about generous giving? In what ways might this analogy be misunderstood? Have a look at Proverbs 11:24, Proverbs 112:9, how do these verses help us unpack and understand (or not) Paul's message in this passage?
5. 9:7 Why does Paul encourage us to be intentional about our giving? Can you share any helpful tips for budgeting and encouragements on giving? Is tithing, as found in the OT, a helpful model? Are there challenges to giving intentionally and how do we overcome them?
6. 9:7 define what Paul means by a cheerful (hilarious) giver. Why does God love such giving? What might this look like for you? How can we make changes that will bring about a cheerful heart in giving?
7. How can we know the balance between saving for our own future needs and giving to meet present needs? How should we prioritise our giving?
8. What are the benefits of giving generously that Paul talks about in this passage? For the giver v8&9, for God v12&13 and for the church v13&14? What might be the benefits for CBC as we seek to be generous with all the resources God has blessed us with?
9. What do you hear God saying to you by way of affirmation or challenge through these verses? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

