

September 30, 2018

**“Abundant Joy and the Grace of God”**  
**II Corinthians 8:1-9**

Ice Breaker:

- Who is the most generous person you've known? Was it because they had much or how they "held"/used what they had?
- Are you more generous with your time, money or talents/service? Which is more challenging to share/give to others?

**Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9**

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. How would you compare/contrast the churches of Macedonia (verses 1-5) and the church at Corinth (verses 6-9)? With which church can you relate? Explain.
3. What stands out in the statement of the gospel in verse 9?
4. What would it practically look like in your life if you first gave and dedicated yourself to the Lord? Would there be changes to your calendar, checkbook, work, lifestyle? Explain.
5. How do you think it would change things if Paul was commanding what should be given by Corinth?
6. Is it easy or difficult for you to correlate your use of time, money, abilities, relationships and service as acts of worship to God? Why or why not?
7. Have you ever begged to participate in a ministry? Explain.
8. Have you ever experienced an abundance of joy in the midst of great affliction or suffering? Explain.
9. What are some of the take-aways you've learned or been reminded of from the worship series?

Pray for one another.

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1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the compelling message of:
  - Grace
  - Sacrificial Giving
  - Hope and Perspective
2. The appropriate response to grace, is first to give ourselves to the Lord.
3. Worship is open-handed living that is an overflow of grace that leads to an abundance of joy.

**Take-aways:**

- What is one area in your life that you may need to be more open-handed with before God?
- As we conclude the series on worship, what is one thing you've been reminded of or challenged to apply in your worship of God?