

Lavish: The Art of Being Grateful Discussion Questions

Grateful Giving

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT Questions

1. Do you think people are turned off when pastors talk about money? Why?
2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
4. How did you do with your last "I Will" statement?

READ 2 Corinthians 8:7-11, 9:6-8

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What stands out, is surprising, or interesting to you?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 9:7** again. Is this different from what you have heard? Explain.
4. Why do you think Paul leaves it up to each person/family to decide what they give?
5. Pastor Don compared **Activity Giving** (Spontaneous giving that meets immediate needs) and **Foundation Giving** (Strategic giving that makes ongoing ministry possible).
 - a. Is one more important than the other?
 - b. Do you agree with Pastor Don that **Foundation Giving** is typically a more mature kind of giving? Explain.
6. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
7. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

LIVE IT OUT

1. How can you apply this passage this week? (Create an "I Will..." statement")
2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

PRAY

