



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE November 29

BIBLE PASSAGE 2 Corinthians 8:9-14

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The book of 2 Corinthians was originally a letter written by the apostle Paul to a church he planted in a town called Corinth. Corinth was a big city back in the day. Lots of people from all over the world would come to Corinth to do business and trade. It was an important place and the people who lived there felt like they were pretty important, too.

Paul wrote this letter, in part, to remind the church in Corinth that they shouldn't allow their supposed self-importance to guide their life. Instead they must remember that God has rescued them and that He should be the one guiding their life.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
Why should we be generous?	When we give of what we have for the sake of supporting others we are participating in the life that Jesus model for us. Also, when we freely give of what we have to help others what we get in return is a deep sense of gratification
Why should we be so eager to give?	Our desire to be generous comes from realizing all that God has done for us. When we recognize how much God has given us and what kind of life we have in Him we should be much more ready to give of our time, resources, skills, and money.
How can we start being generous?	Start by looking at what you have in your skills, time, and money. Give what you can and when you give for the sake of helping others or thanking God you are right in line with what a truly generous life looks like.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

What is one thing that you have to offer that someone could really use?

What is one way you can give of your time, skills, or money to someone else this week?

Can you think of two people who could really use your generosity?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: