Serving Generously

Ephesians 4:11-16 & 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Having received every spiritual blessing in Christ, we delight in sharing our spiritual gifts, finances, time, and energies to build up the church and care for those around us.

We serve generously by...

Putting our God-given spiritual gifts into practice. [Ephesians 4:11-16]

God's gifts are...

1. Given _____ and _____
2. _____ through _____
3. Used to _____ the body of Christ.
4. A means to Christian _____

Sharing our God-given financial resources. [2 Corinthians 8:1-15]

1. Giving is a _____ and a _____
2. Giving _____ our _____ for the family of God.
3. We're to give our _____ and _____
4. Giving is _____ to the Lord.

What's your next step?

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. With what are you most generous? Your money? Time? Talents? Toys? With what are you stingy?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

1. What does Paul say is the role of church leaders (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers)? What has God called them to do?

2. What happens when we all put our spiritual gifts into practice? What blessings and benefits will we see in our church? In our communities? In our individual lives?

3. Read Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. What gift (or gifts) do you believe God has given you? As a Growth Group, share what gifts you see in one another.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-15

4. What do you learn about the Macedonians from their giving?

5. What from Jesus' example [verse 9] prompts you to be more generous with your money, time, and energy? What inhibits you?

6. What principles of giving do you practice?

Taking it Home:

1. What is your next step? Is it to discover and put your spiritual gift into practice? Is it to remain faithful in serving? Is it to be more generous in your giving?

Prayer Concerns: