

Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *It's for God*Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Service Date: January 19, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Who is the most generous person you know? How do you know they are generous?
- Next to the topic of money, what other topics of discussion make you either nervous or anxious in the same manner that money might?
- Related to the question above, how can we lower the nervousness and anxiety around such topics while keeping God at the center of these topics of discussion?

Sermon Discussion

- Take a moment to read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. From the Sunday sermon and Bible passage you've read, what things stuck out to you the most and why?
- What do you tend to spend your money on effortlessly? How does that indicate what you truly treasure?
- One point Paul made was highlighting "God's expectation for you in giving". In thinking about what God's expectation is for giving and what the world's is, what do you see as the difference?
- Do you believe most Christians either 1) only understand what Biblical giving means (just a thought but nothing more), or 2) are willing to follow Biblical guidelines for generosity (and act upon their belief in full obedience)? Why do many who say they are followers of Christ not commit fully to the Biblical command regarding being generous?

- If you were to completely follow what God says about giving, do you think your life would remain the same, be completely different from where you are currently, or something else?
- The sermon reminded us that we are to give "cheerfully" and "completely". Where in life do you give cheerfully and completely without hesitation? What is the difference between that "gift" and your financial giving (essentially, why the hesitation with finances and not as much with the other)?
- Read Mark 12:41-44. What does this indicate about not the amount but the motive of our giving as well as the need to give confidently?
- In the past year, there have been hurricanes in the southeast, fires in California, and numerous other devastating events causing individuals to lose everything they have. Why is it so important to live a life that is not grounded in earthly things but to "store up treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21) as Jesus instructed.

Resource

Book: The Weight of Glory by C.S. Lewis

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is "Stories of Life Change". Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.