

Sermon Title: Immeasurably More: Overflowing Grace

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11



Sermon Discussion Guide (5/11)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In verses one and two, what connection does Paul make between the grace the Macedonian churches had received and their desire to give?

What is the importance of the phrase “entirely on their own” at the end of verse 3? Does this phrase show giving as something freely done or something done out of compulsion?

In verse four, why do the Macedonian churches plead for the ability to give? What does their desire reveal to us about the place of giving in the Christian life?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. How does God work within us as we give to Him? According to verse 11, what is the ultimate purpose of our giving?

Application

When you consider your financial giving, how do you decide what to give? How would seeing giving as a privilege and not a burden reshape the way that you determine your giving?

In what area of your life are you living with a mindset of scarcity? How does this mindset keep you from living into the extravagant grace that is found in Christ?

Pastor Kenny said in the sermon that “Our job is obedience. God’s job is abundance.” In your life, where do you sense God calling you to take a step of sacrificial obedience, knowing that God will use our obedience to bring abundance in His Kingdom?

At the end of the sermon, Pastor Kenny asked us, “Do I trust God to do more with my open hands than I can do with closed fists?” How did God speak to you through this question? What will you do about it?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for pouring out grace that is greater than our sin, greater than our fear, and greater than our scarcity. Root us again in that grace today. And as we are rooted, may we overflow. May generosity not be a burden but a joy. Not a requirement but a response. Let our giving reflect Your heart. Multiply our offerings for Your glory, and use them to extend Your kingdom in ways we can’t even imagine. We trust You. We open our hands. We offer our hearts. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.