



SERMON NOTES

II Corinthians 8-9

- Paul and this church were able to experience **JOY** because of where they had fixed their **FOCUS**.
- The Gospel should not only be **CELEBRATED**, but it should also be **SHARED**.
- **FAITH** Promise is a commitment to give **ABOVE** our normal offering for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world

1. Give with an **EXPECTANT** heart (9:6)

2. Give by **COMMITMENT** (9:7a)

3. Give **CHEERFULLY** (9:7b)

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot **KEEP** to gain that which he cannot **LOSE**." - Jim Elliot

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LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of October 27, 2019

MY STORY

What is one of your favorite memories from a childhood family vacation?

Have you ever been out of the country? If so, where?

Have you ever been on a missions trip? If so, tell us about it.

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

This week's message was all about reaching people with the Gospel. Who was it that had the biggest spiritual influence in reaching you with the Gospel? Tell us about it.

When Paul talked about the Philippians' financial gift, he made some statements about it. Read Philippians 4:15-19 and talk about three things:

1. Did Paul need their money?
2. Why was it good for them to help him financially?
3. What promise was given to them?

Read II Corinthians 8:13-14 and put it into your own words.

Talk about some ways that we can use some of our "abundance" to "supply their want."

What are some things that come to mind when you think about "missions?"

According to II Corinthians 9:11-15, what are some of the results of financially supporting the work of God in other places?

What are some of the difficulties that missionaries face?

TAKING IT HOME

What are some ways that we can support/encourage our missionaries?

Talk about one thing that your group can do to encourage one of the missionaries that will be with us next week, or to encourage one of the missionaries that we currently support.

Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?