

Review:

Lesson 1: The Body of Christ

Lesson 2: Being Family

Lesson 3: The Place of Scripture

Lesson 4: Together Even Better

Better Giving **2 Corinthians 9:6-12**

When my sacrificial giving is led by the Spirit, it is neither from a place of guilt nor from a sense of obligation; rather, it is from a heart filled with _____ and _____ about joining God in important work.

Discussion 1. Without commenting on the actual amount (or the financial value), what is one of the most joyous gifts you can remember giving? What was it that made you so happy or excited about giving it?

Developing a God-centered perspective of resources moves us more and more from a _____ mindset to an _____ mindset. He is a God of extravagance and abundance.

Discussion 2. Are there times or circumstances in your life when you are prone to a scarcity mindset? How does that mindset express itself in you (i.e., how do you recognize it when you have it)?

It is how God's economy works. When we get it right, we are both the _____ of and the _____ for His generosity and provision. It is a cycle that builds upon itself over time.

Discussion 3. Recall a moment or circumstance in your life when you have been the recipient of someone else's generosity. How did it affect your own generosity? Do you believe being able to receive from others makes you better at giving? Why or why not?

God's generosity towards us should make us more thankful, which makes us better. In turn, our generosity towards others has a similar _____ in their lives.

Discussion 4. How does an attitude of gratitude help you? What specific benefits have you experienced because of your thankful attitude?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?