

The HARVEST



“The Harvest” - Week 2

Introduction (*Read aloud before discussion.*)

The journey of cheerful giving begins as “we decide in our heart” what we want to give and give it - not under compulsion or command but joyously and cheerfully partnering with God. We may need to do it scared at first because our desire for generosity is greater than our current faith level. And that is all part of the journey!

Sermon Discussion (*Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.*)

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6. Fear of not having enough robs most everyone of being generous or being as generous as we want to be. Is that true for you? Has that ever been true for you?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8,10-11. Into our fear, Paul announces the law or principle of the harvest. How would you describe the law or the principal of the harvest to someone?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Maybe it’s time to change the question from, “what do I *have* to give to what do I *want* to give?” How would you describe a cheerful giver?
4. Read verse 7 again. Have you ever observed someone who truly lives like this?
5. Travis said in his message that if you have decided in your heart to give less than 10% that God will not be sad, mad, frustrated, or disappointed with you. Do you think Travis is right?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9: 11. “Generous on every occasion”. What would it look like for you to keep growing in the journey of generosity?

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Ministry Time (*Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”*)

Ask that God would take you deeper than your fears and into your deep new trusting heart. Invite the spirit of God to let loose that cheerful, free, generous heart. Come Holy Spirit!

Spiritual Formation (*This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.*)

Decide in your heart what you want to give and begin to give it. This probably will be a stretch because your desire for generosity exceeds your current faith level. Decide. Pray, talk, think, read, and search your heart. And then, go for it. Let’s be formed into the generous people that bear the image of a cheerfully generous God.

Daily Reading (*Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.*)

MON

2 Corinthians 9 | Psalm 60

TUES

Matthew 6 | Psalm 61

WED

Luke 19 | Psalm 62

THUR

Philippians 4 | Psalm 63

FRI

2 Corinthians 9 | Psalm 64

SAT

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy.

Tune in next week for “Rejoice” - Week 1