

Leader Guide

*Take a few minutes to have icebreakers and share time (5-10 minutes max)

Icebreaker Ideas:

- What's the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?
- If you were a farmer, what would you grow?

Week 8 – Dream Big: “Through Our Generosity”

*Take 2-5 minutes to read the scripture passage and give a brief summary of some of the highlights/topics covered during this week's sermon.

2 Corinthians 9

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Review Questions

1. Do you agree that spenders and savers are the two types of people when it comes to money?
2. What is it about money and possessions that make it so easy to want to put our trust in them?
3. Pastor made the comment that we in America are rich compared to most of the world – what makes it hard for us to recognize this?
4. How have you experienced God's sustaining power in your life? How have you seen God provide?
5. What steps can we take in building our trust in the Lord as our provider?

“Digging Deeper”

READ 1 Timothy 6: 6-8; 17-19 and 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9. What similar themes do you see here compared with our reading from Sunday? What are some new thoughts or insights that these readings bring?

*Remember, no one should ever hear prolonged silence after making a comment, as the leader try to make sure that each person receives some form of acknowledgement after sharing something.

*The task of the leader is facilitating conversation, not teaching the sermon all over again.

*Close with prayer for the last 5 minutes of your time together