### NOTES & QUOTES



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## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. What is the most generous gift someone has ever given to you?
- 2. What makes a gift special to you?
- 3. If money or resources were not an obstacle, what is one good cause you would give an extravagant gift to?

# THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. In verses 1-3 what "grace" do you think God give the Macedonian churches based on these verses?
- 5. What words or ideas jump out at you concerning their generosity in verses 4-6?
- 6. Read verses 8-9. How does the idea of "testing" and "comparing our earnestness" make you feel when it comes to giving and generosity? Why might Paul have used this challenge to the church in Corinth?

- 7. Read verses 13-15. What does Paul regard as the motivation of generosity and how might that idea apply itself in our modern-day context?
- 8. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. What do these verses tell us about the practice of giving?

## **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

- 9. What are three things that you think prevent us from approaching generosity in the way Paul teaches?
- 10. How does generosity intersect with the Great Commisssion of taking the gospel message to the world and making disciples?
- 11. What is a personal challenge you might make with yourself when it comes to the spiritual practice of giving?

#### PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"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. 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." 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8