

SERMON GUIDE

CHEERFUL & GENEROUS

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: The question this week in our 21 Day Spiritual Journey is, "How is God asking you to participate in the church's vision?" Do you think you can answer that question yet? What is it?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

- O** What should the disposition of our hearts be in giving toward the work of ministry (v.6-7)? Is this hard or easy to do? Why?

- O** What promises regarding God's character does Paul remind the Corinthians of in this reading? (v.8-10)
 - What do you think it means that God will make "all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (v.8)?

- O** What outcomes does Paul promise if the Corinthians give generously (v.11-14)?
 - Does this list surprise you at all? If so, how?

- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

- A** How is today's reading impacted the way you look at financial generosity in the kingdom of God? Does it convict, challenge or comfort you? How?

- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.