

1. What affect does the current financial news have on your faith? What affect has fear had on your generosity? In what sense do Christians operate on a different economy than the rest of the world? Do you need to listen less to the news so you can move forward in faith?
2. Grace is the truth that goes beyond the tithe. What is grace? How does grace empower you to give with a different motivation than the Old Testament Law?
3. Read 2Cor. 8:9. How does Christ's example inspire generosity? Is our community spiritually rich or spiritually poor? Are you willing to become materially poor if necessary in order that you or others would become spiritually rich? What would this look like for you this week.
4. Read 2Cor 8:5. Before the Macedonians gave anything material they "gave themselves first to the Lord." When did you first give yourself to the Lord? Even after you initially give yourself to the Lord for salvation, the Christian life is one of continually giving yourself to the Lord. Which of the following things do you need to give to the Lord in a fresh way?
 - Give your stinginess to the Lord.
 - Give your sins to the Lord.
 - Give your hurts to the Lord.
 - Give your fears to the Lord.
 - Give your intellect to the Lord.
 - Give your time to the Lord.
 - Give your body to the Lord.
 - Give your ambitions to the Lord.
 - Give your family to the Lord.
 - Give your ability to create wealth to the Lord.Is there anything you are unwilling to give to the Lord?
5. Paul described the Macedonians as going through a "severe test of affliction" while possessing an "abundance of joy." Are you going through a severe test of affliction? How can you go through it with an abundance of joy?
6. Paul said the Macedonians were in "extreme poverty" yet overflowed with a "wealth of generosity". Does poverty negatively affect generosity? It shouldn't. Generosity is a matter of the heart. If you aren't generous, you don't need more resources, you need more love. Read 2Cor. 8:8. What proves your love is genuine?
7. Read 2Cor. 8:10-12. God expects us to give only out of what we have. Have you ever determined your giving based on what you thought someone else had to give toward a need?
8. Read 1Cor. 6:19-20. Who owns you? What does this mean for the stuff you own?
9. During the message pastor Trent asked you to sign a Quit Claim Deed. Have you made a list of all your material possessions? Have you thanked Him for each of them? Have you transferred ownership of everything you own to God?
10. Have you prayed specifically for the "Forward in Faith" campaign? Have you determined what God wants you to give out of what your have? If not, don't be afraid to move forward in faith.

Take this week to fervently seek God on behalf of your church's needs for an expanded facility. Partner with someone in your small group to pray together everyday for God to meet the need.

