



## Small Group Questions

Message: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Bob

Series: *The Resilient Life*

Topic: "Resilient Generosity"

Text: 2 Corinthians 8-9

1. **Ice Breaker:** When you were a child, what was one item you remember saving up to purchase?
2. Why is it difficult to talk about money ... especially in a church setting? On the flip side, what is the spiritual significance of money in your life?
3. Why don't we give *more*? We discussed several barriers to increasing our giving: (1) We are SELFISH (2) We are SCARED (3) We are SKEPTICAL (4) We are SHORT SIGHTED. Do any of those resonate? Would you add to the list?
4. Consider this money formula from John Wesley: **Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.** How can this aide in your giving? Which part is the hardest?
5. **Read 2 Cor. 8:1-7.** In what ways can you apply the example of the Macedonian churches to your own giving practices? Where does their giving example challenge you? *Take particular note of vv. 3-5.*
6. **Read 2 Cor. 8:9.** How does Jesus provide us with a model of generosity? What has been your motivation to give in the past?
7. Why does God call us to give? He doesn't *need* our money ... he is God. We cited three reasons: (1) To build our FAITH. (2) To teach us DEPENDENCE. (3) To test our OBEDIENCE. Which one resonates with you? Which is hardest?
8. What is the NT principle of *proportionate giving*? How does it differ from the OT tithing principle? What does it mean for you?
9. The final point we discussed was the *measure of our generosity*. **Read 2 Cor. 9:6-7.** What are some marks of resilient givers in these verses?
10. What are the blessings of generosity? **Read 2 Cor. 9:11-12.** Discuss the results of generosity? Doe that motivation you to give?
11. As you finish, discuss how God might be calling you to be more generous. How can you build generosity in to your life on a daily basis?