



# God is Extravagantly Generous!

Week of April 22, 2018

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

## Message Recap:

### Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

God's generosity is overwhelming. We can choose to live in the generosity of who God is (John 1:16). We are invited to receive Jesus and be given the right to be God's children, where we are well loved, delighted in, and forgiven (John 10:10). Yet most of us live resisting and rejecting Father's transforming love. If we welcome God's extravagance, we LIVE His generosity! Whenever we place our faith in Jesus and are fulfilled by His presence, we are free to confidently give out of obedience to His word.

## Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us! I pray that we could gain an understanding of your generosity and be overwhelmed by it. I pray that we would see the untold blessings you pour out to us and that we would invite you into every aspect of our lives. Let us not hold on to our little out of fear that we will not enjoy it. Instead let us give confidently out of our fulfillment in you.

## Getting Started

- Who is the most generous person you have known?
- Tell a story of a time when your stubbornness did not work out.

## Digging Deeper

1. "If you are unable to give freely, it is because you are choosing to not fully receive." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
2. What are the things Jesus has freely given that you are not receiving?
3. As followers of Christ, we are to give our lives to Him. Why then can it be hard for us to give our "little"?
4. Discuss how God's "no" can still be an act of generous love and mercy.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Discuss the idea of freedom of faith that Paul describes in verse 7. In light of this, how does that affect your attitude about giving?
6. If Scripture encourages us to give, where does the idea to hold on come from?
7. How will you change your giving in the coming week because of what you are learning about generous giving?

## Living Jesus

Money is not about money. We have been offered all we will ever need through relationship with Jesus Christ. We discussed how through this relationship we are blessed in ways we do not understand as the children of God. We talked about how our reaction to God's extravagant generosity is to be a joyful giver, regardless of amount. Let us choose to be cheerful receivers so that we may be joyful givers!

## What's Your Story?

Consider where you have seen blessings poured out as a result of generous giving in a community of believers and share your story with us!

**Share your personal story with us [here](#) or online. Go to [MySevernRun.com](http://MySevernRun.com) and choose Share Your Story under Forms.**