






## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

| 09-06-2024     |  | iGive gracefully |  |
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| <br>Start      | <input type="checkbox"/> Has this week turned out as you planned?  |                  |  |
| <br>Discuss    | <input type="checkbox"/> How do you react to fundraisers? Do you dodge or engage with ‘chuggers’ (‘charity muggers’/ professional fundraising canvassers)?<br><input type="checkbox"/> How and why do some charities seek to draw you/ us in with small donations?<br><input type="checkbox"/> How much should charities spend on fundraising?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Is there a difference between fundraising and giving?   |                  |  |
| <br>Read       | <a href="#"><u>2 Corinthians 8:1-12</u></a>  | <br>Listen again | <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> |
| <br>Explore    | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.1-3</u></a> : What is a natural spring? Describe it. Why does Paul describe generosity as flowing/ welling up, as from a <i>spring</i> ? Where does generosity come from? Why might generosity be our ‘natural state’? How does the ‘spirit of this age’ distort this? How does <i>grace</i> help restore our ‘factory settings’ to <i>generous</i> ? To what extent is generosity linked to wealth?<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.4-5</u></a> : Why did being hard-pressed and hard-up not stop them giving? What is fundraising? If the <i>cause</i> is good (famine relief, cancer cure, world mission..) does it matter how <i>funds</i> are raised and from whom? How is <i>giving</i> different to fundraising?<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.6-7</u></a> : If Corinth was known for its wealth, why might it be taking them longer to discover their inner generosity? Why people sometimes get funny when we talk about money? Why is giving both a spiritual discipline and a spiritual gift? What does it mean to <i>excel</i> at the grace of giving? Who’s praying for the gift of giving?<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.8-9</u></a> : What’s the difference between a demand and a gift? How does Paul keep the focus on giving? See <a href="#"><u>John 3:16-17</u></a> : How does God practice giving? Why? How does our giving contribute to this?<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.10-12</u></a> : What was Paul urging the Corinthian Church to do? Why? What is ‘planned giving’? Why give in proportion to our means/ income? Why does the sum change from year to year? What is responsible giving? What does grace-full giving look like? What does grace-full giving enable? |                  |  |
| <br>Go further | <input type="checkbox"/> Read <a href="#"><u>Exodus 36:1-7</u></a> :<br><input type="checkbox"/> Why did Moses have to restrain the Israelites in their giving?  |                  |  |
| <br>Reflect    | <input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?<br><input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean for you to ‘excel at the grace of giving’?  |                  |  |

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| <br>Do             | <input type="checkbox"/> Having reviewed your income, decide what you will give.<br><a href="https://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Give">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Give</a> |
| <br>Pray          |   |
| <br>My questions: |   |

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