






Small Group/ Reflection Notes

16-06-2024		iGive cheerfully	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What's brought you joy this week? When have you felt most cheerful?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a budget for giving? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> How did/do you decide how much to give? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent do we inherit attitudes to money and giving?		
 Read	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.6 : What happens if a farmer sows sparingly or an entrepreneur/ business owner with a good idea doesn't invest? To what extent do <u>we</u> get what <u>we</u> sow? Are some churches that are struggling today reaping what they previously sowed? To what extent is Cheser Road sowing generously? <input type="checkbox"/> v.7 : Why is giving for 'each', not 'some', of us? Why decide in advance how much to give? What do you base this decision on? Why must giving not be out of reluctance or compulsion? How can giving bring us cheer/ joy? Does it? Would we experience more cheer by giving more or less? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8-11 : Why does Apostle Paul linking <i>giving</i> to <i>living</i> ? To what extent can farmers (or entrepreneurs) guarantee a 'return on investment'? What are the variable factors? Do we <i>give</i> in order to <i>receive</i> ? Is this guaranteed? Some preachers/ religious TV channels/ churches teach that <i>giving</i> is a way to <i>receiving</i> riches. Is this what Paul meant? To what extent does living God's way improve our quality of life? Even our finances? <input type="checkbox"/> v.12-13 : How does our/ your giving enable the church's mission & ministry? To what extent do you feel that it does? With more collective giving, how could we have more impact as a church, enabling more people to experience Christ? How is our giving ultimately to God? Why is giving principally a discipleship matter? <input type="checkbox"/> v.14-15 : When talking about giving, why is it so important to keep coming back to <i>grace</i> ? And that God is the ultimate Giver? What or who is God's indescribable <i>gift</i> ? What have God's grace to us and God's indescribable gift to us got to do with our giving?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> What are wrong reasons/ motives to give? See Matthew 6:1-2 ; Luke 18:9-12 ; Acts 5:1-11 . <input type="checkbox"/> What are keys to <i>cheerful</i> giving? See Job 1:21 ; James 1:17 ; Philippians 4:11-13 ; Acts 4:32-37 .		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Where does your attitude to money and giving come from?		

 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Review your bank statement/ finances. Does your giving bring you sufficient cheer/ joy?
 Pray	
 My questions:	

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