



REFLECTION GUIDE

Fall 2017 Sermon Series



This week, Corey kicked off our new series on giving.

READ

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

REFLECT

1. Corey began the sermon with a little review of what we've discussed the last couple of months. These two cultural disease that we all have to deal with: "Individualism" and "Consumerism." How does this context condition us to think of giving and generosity?
2. Corey contrasted the Westminster Catechism, "Man's chief end is to glorify god and enjoy him for ever" and Jamie Smith's contemporary creed: "Man's chief end is to acquire more stuff and enjoy it forever." Where do you tend to fall on the spectrum between these concepts?
3. Corey explored the Gospel as an outline for a transformation of giving. The steps included 1. Jesus was rich. 2. He became poor. 3. We were poor. 4. He made us rich. Which of these movements stuck out to you in the sermon? How might you learn from Christ's example and implement this into your life?
4. Our text points out how the Gospel can change How we give; does your giving reflect the Cross?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we default to individualism and consumerism. .
- + Thank God for His plan to answer our failings, for His unending generosity toward us.
- + Pray for renewal in our Church, our Community, and our City.

PRACTICE

- + In our text, Paul talks of the Macedonians who gave even in the midst of poverty. There's a power and a transformation that happens when we give not only out of strength but out of weakness. How can you give out of weakness? How can you become both more dependent on Christ and more generous?
- + This text also points out how the Gospel can change Why we give; it speaks to our motivations, perspectives, and emotions while giving. Does your giving lead you to joy? If not, why not? If so, how so? What practical steps might you be able to take to increase your joy? What tangible difference would it make if you were able to tap into the proper motivations and emotions with your generosity?