

**LifeGroup Questions – Take a Step #4**  
**2 Corinthians 9:6-15 – The Creation of a Cheerful Giver**

1. To set the context Dan, referred back to 2 Corinthians 8:2-4, Paul's description of the generosity of the Macedonian Christians. <sup>2</sup>*In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.* <sup>3</sup>*For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.* For what reason(s) would the Macedonians have begged for the opportunity to be generous?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What do you think about this sowing/reaping principle of generosity? Are there other places in the Bible, where a similar principle is found?
3. Dan referred a few times to the "God loves a cheerful giver" statement. What are some times when you have experienced the joy of generosity? What are some times when giving was not filled with joy? What was the difference?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-15. If this whole passage were about the creation of a cheerful giver, what principles or truths or insights are most important for you? Where is God calling you to lean in?
5. Dan said that our generosity for God will not exceed our trust in God. Have you found this to be true or not? What is the place of trust in the act of generosity?
6. When you think about the kind of harvest you would like to reap in 2030, what seeds need to be planted now?
7. Looking back over the last four weeks of teaching/pondering generosity, what has impacted you the most? It might be a new truth, a principle, a conviction, a place you have needed to confess some sin and repent. It might be an encouragement. What has impacted you the most?
8. What is our (Calvary's) biggest barrier to generosity? Take some time and ask God to remove that wall...and make us what He loves (cheerful givers)!