

The Difference Generosity Makes

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of January 29th, 2017

Primary Scripture: **2 Corinthians 9:6-13**

Relationships

As you begin the study portion of your gathering ask a few of these questions to help your group focus their attention.

Would you rather receive an expensive gift or a hand made gift from someone? Why?

Why do you think just about everyone hates paying income tax?

What motivates you?

Scripture

Have a volunteer read **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**.

Why do you think God rewards generosity?

The farmer has to "lose" his seed to gain a harvest. What would you be willing to lose to gain a harvest?

Do you think God is more concerned about providing earthly rewards or eternal rewards? Why?

Do you think tithing is being generous? Why or why not?

What are some of the good works you think God has in mind for you?

Have a volunteer read **2 Corinthians 9:12-13**.

Describe a time when you paid for someone else's meal or they paid for yours. How did you feel?

How do you usually express gratitude to God?

Why does giving to the church show God we are grateful to him?

Mission

How connected do you feel to the mission of Compassion Christian Church?

What do you think is your personal role in helping the church achieve its mission?

If someone were to look at your calendar and your bank account, what would they say is important to you?

Development

How much trouble do you have trusting that God will provide for you financially?

Why do you think some people struggle with wanting to give?

How difficult is it for you to let God have all the credit for your generosity?

How can we as a group help one another be more generous?

Pray