Mothers Day Weekend
May 8–9, 2021
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WARM-UP

Share about a time when someone gave generously to you, whether financially or other means. How did it make you feel?

DISCUSS

- What makes a gift generous as opposed to being just a gift?
- Why do you think some people struggle with giving generously, whether it's financially or through service?
- Names some limiting thoughts you've had that have discouraged you from generously giving in some way in the past. (Examples: I don't have enough. They don't appreciate it.)

Read 2 Corinthians 9

- What is a gift "grudgingly given"? (vs. 5)
- What does verse 7 tell us about how we should give?
    - Why does the condition or attitude of our heart matter when we give?
    - Why isn't it enough to just give out of obligation?
    - If someone gives as a response to pressure, how does that affect the giver?
- What does it mean to give generously from the heart vs. from our wallet?
- Verse 8 and 11 talk about how God replenishes what we give. Where have you seen God replenish after you gave generously of time or resources?
- Based on the metaphor given in this passage for a harvest, what is a "harvest of generosity"?
- If someone pays it forward after they have received a generous gift, how does one generous gift have a greater impact?
- According to verses 13–14, what is the ultimate result of generosity?
    - How does joyful and generous giving reflect Jesus through us to others around us?

Read Mark 12:41–44

- What made this woman's gift more generous than the large amounts given by others?
- How does not giving freely and generously reflect a lack of faith in the promises God has made to us?

NEXT STEPS

- Where is God asking you to give more generously or with a joyful heart? What is hindering you?

Spend quiet time with God this week, being open to his voice. Allow him to reveal to you any areas where you may be holding back.

- On your own or in the group, read **Psalm 112** and look for at least one principle you can apply to your philosophy of giving.

PRAYER

In groups of 2–4, share what you identified as your next step. Then pray for one another.