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session page

Too Much? Too Little?

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 | Session 10.26

Before the Session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).

Context

Watch this clip from "[The Price is Right](#)" and ask:

- - How do you feel about this sort of spectacle and why?
- - What is your most or least favorite "get rich on television" show and why?
- - Why do you think the game-show format is so popular that it has been a television staple in multiple countries for a long time?
- - In what ways does a faith-focused life counter the kind of thinking that lies behind game shows?
- - Beyond the obvious, what kinds of "fabulous prizes" would you say God has given you?

Content

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, and watch the Bible Background Video. Ask:

- - What does this passage tell you about the nature of the earliest congregations and why?
- - How do you feel when you see Paul say "I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others" and why?
- - Weighed against the way we "do church," how do you feel about Paul's further statement that "if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have."?
- - In what ways is it "a gift to be able to give," and how might congregations more appropriately give that gift?
- - Given that the opportunity to be involved in a ministry through our various gifts to it is such a precious thing, why do you think congregations seem sometimes either too eager or not eager enough to share it?

Closure

Play Don't Fade, sharing the lyrics are printed below the song, then ask:

- - How do you feel about this song, and why?
- - What images most stuck with you as you heard the tone of the song and considered the words?
- - In what ways do the lyrics reveal a faith challenge that you may have experienced?
- - How might we respond to someone whose ability to grow in faith is restricted by the thought that "it all runs into money?"
- - What can we do to move beyond considering money, possessions, and rewards, and back to the kind of faith a young child might have?

Close in prayer.

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