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session page

Too Much? Too Little?

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 | Session 10.26

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of 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 (From the Media Session Page)

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 (From the Mind Session Page)

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

- - What is significant about the giving of the Macedonian churches?
- - How have they given, and in what circumstances?
- - When have you ever been so excited to give to something that you would beg for the privilege of giving?
- - In what way can giving to others be a privilege for people of faith?
- - How does Jesus provide an example for us, not just of giving, but of how we relate to the things we have or don't have?
- - Why especially can people of faith give generously when there is a need, according to Paul?
- - To what degree is it as easy to receive when you are in need, as it is to give when someone else is in need and why?

Closure (From the Current Session Page)

Share this story of a televangelist who made national headlines asking his followers to donate money so he could purchase a plane and ask:

- - How do you feel when you encounter such stories and why?
- - In what ways do this man's message and actions compare to the way people read Paul in this passage?
- - What do you think actions such as this say to people about Christianity?

- - How might we move beyond focusing on money as a means to encourage people to participate in reaching the world?
- - Where can we find people who need help in our communities and what should we do when we find them?

Close by listening together to Listen to Give It Away and praying that God can guide us on how to best use our resources.