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Too Much? Too Little?

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 | Session 10.26

Before the Session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Materials needed: slips of paper and pens; a whiteboard or butcher paper; and markers.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)

Context

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

This is a guided group reflection on personal resources and how they are applied.

Reflection

Start by telling the group: *Often we think individualistically in our culture. This reflection is designed to help us discover what our collective resources might be to offer to the world.*

Invite the group to think about and verbalize the things they possess by creating a list of resources on poster paper as people share according to the following areas:

- - TIME – How much free time might you have during a given month to offer someone in need?
- - MONEY – If we were collecting an offering today for a specific important need, what amount would you be able to contribute? Share two amounts: What you would be able to give, without any sacrifice? What you would be able to give if you sacrifice a bit? (NOTE: for this category, have people write their answers anonymously on slips of paper, ask one person to add the numbers, and put the total on the poster.)
- - MATERIAL RESOURCES – What is in your house that you could give to someone who has less than you do?
- - KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS – What do you know and what can you do that can be offered to someone in need?
- - MISC. - Is there anything else that doesn't necessarily go into any of the previous categories that you can share with others?

Invite the group to consider the poster, and make observations or share any insights that come to mind, then ask:

- - What needs you are aware of in our community that our group could consider meeting?

Write these on another poster, inviting individuals to consider answering one or more of the needs. (NOTE: Be careful not to create an atmosphere of "should." If a specific action plan surfaces and it seems like the group wants to engage it, go with it. If not, you do not have to press.) Continue by asking:

- - What does our choice of addressable concerns reveal about our faith?
- - In what ways might the ability to meet someone else's needs be an opportunity?
- - How might we, as individuals, be led by our enthusiasm about what God is doing to want to join in?

Close with group prayer

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