

Giving is a blessing.

Review it: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Discuss it:

- 1.** We examine three mistakes people make regarding God's blessings. Some ignore blessings, some apologize for blessings, and some hoard blessings. Be very honest when you answer. What is your biggest struggle of the three and why?
- 2.** God wants you to give joyfully, sacrificially, and intentionally. Talk about how you love to give. (Giving could include your time, your talents, or your finances.) How can you learn to give in a way that stretches you?
- 3.** How can your small group learn to give extravagantly together?
- 4.** Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* (Acts 20:35) Can you share with the group a time when you were more blessed to give? How were you more blessed? What did that feel like?
- 5.** Why do you think the Macedonian churches gave "beyond their ability"? How did they get to that point in their attitude about giving? How could we get to that point today?
-2 Corinthians 8:1-5
- 6.** The Corinthians had pledged a gift, but had trouble fulfilling it. What was Paul's advice to them in the matter? How might this apply to joyful, sacrificial, and intentional giving today?
-2 Corinthians 8:10-12
- 7.** As we've discovered in this series, God blesses us in many ways. How do you these verses might apply to you?
-2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- 8.** The Bible ties loving and giving together. How could you apply this principle of loving and giving in your world this week?
-John 3:16a
-Ephesians 5:2, 25
-2 Thessalonians 2:16
- 9.** Someone has said, "you can tell people's character by the way they treat those who can give them nothing in return." How do you check and adjust your motivation in the matter of giving?
-Matthew 6:2-4

Pray about it