

Series: GENEROUS

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So... what impressed you about this week's message and talk? Take as much time as you need to pray and share ideas about how you want to respond individually or as a group.

1. Do you feel your GQ generosity quotient growing in this series? How so?

Let's get the context of this week's passage. A massive and lingering famine was making life miserable for everyone back in the greater Jerusalem area. In response, Paul had invited Christians up in Macedonia and the Corinthians in the south to collect an offering for the hurting churches. In 2 Corinthians he is letting them know his ministry team was on their way to receive what they had to give. Now read 2 Corinthians 8:1-12.

2. Take your time and discuss what can we learn from the Macedonian Christians? (2 Cor. 8:1-5)
3. How is it that sometimes those with the least have the most joy?
4. Chicken or egg question. Are people joyful because they are generous or generous because they are joyful?
5. Why would we say that the key to generosity is to see ourselves as stewards and not owners? What does that mean?
6. Our standard of living is among the highest in the world. Are there ways we could lose our allurements to comfort so we could excel in giving?
7. Where does real generosity come from?
8. What's a Teflon-coated giver and how coated are you?
9. How does our Endowment fund relate to the way the Macedonians gave and the way David saved funds to build the temple? See 1 Chronicles 29:14

Take time this week to read 2 Corinthians 8 & 9.