



A NEW ADVENTURE

Small Group Questions Week 3

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7. Discuss what Paul says about the giving of the Macedonian church. What amount does Paul say they gave? Now read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Why do you think Paul ties the idea of sowing and reaping (an agricultural idea) with giving? What principle should we take from this idea?
Answer – Paul says the Corinthians gave above what they were able, they sacrificed in order to give. Paul equated giving with sowing and reaping because the result is the same. The more seeds you plant, the more harvest you get. The more you give financially, the more blessing from God you reap.
2. What is the connection between your giving and your faith?
Answer—The more faith you have in God and his ability and willingness to supply your needs, the more you will give because of that confidence in God.
3. Share what you think about the following statement: You own nothing and God owns everything. Why is understanding this idea important?.
4. Read Luke 12:22-34. What does Jesus say not to do? Why does he say we shouldn't do this? What does he say we should do? Why does he say we should do this? How much less stress would you have if you were able to never worry about financial matters?
5. What is the difference between being content and being happy? Why do you think God is more concerned with us being content than us being happy? *Answer—Happiness is an emotional response we have when things are the way we like them to be. Contentment is the understanding that when we put everything into God's hands, he is able to make every circumstance we are in turn out for our good, even when the circumstances do not make us happy. It is the idea that in the end, everything will be okay. Being content with whatever circumstances we are in demonstrates our reliance on God to work in our lives for our good.*
6. What does how you use your money have to do with your worship of God?



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7. How is debt a form of slavery? How can being in a lot of debt prevent you from being as generous as God wants you to be?

Activity—If you need help with getting out of debt or in developing a Biblical view of money, attend one of the financial classes we offer at Grace.

Financial Peace University—How to become financially free of debt.

Money Matters—How to develop a Biblical view of money.