



Week of November 20th, 2016

Key Scripture:

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (ESV)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Hebrews 13:5–6 (ESV)

⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,
“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

Discussion Questions:

What do you think are the most popular charities in Canada, and why do people give to them over others?

What in your mind is the difference between giving to charity and giving into God’s kingdom?

Rus said that we need to put to death the idea that “*Kingdom giving is based on the kingdom’s needs.*” **Why did he say that we need to put this to death and what did he mean?**

Joseph in Genesis 37 was given dreams about his future. **What are your dreams over our church? If you saw Oceanside in 10 or 20 years where do you hope that we would be?**

Rus said on Sunday: “Kingdom giving starts with the immense prophetic purposes and promises that God has for us.” **When we give, what are you declaring in the present about your hope for the future?**

Rus spoke in length about the story of Joseph on Sunday. **If you remember, what stood out to you about how God used Joseph?**

“When we struggle to give as God has called us to give, we are not primarily struggling with obedience. We are instead struggling with our true identity as co-heirs with Christ.” **How does lacking in your identity make being obedient in giving harder?**

Read these three promises from God: Psalm 23:6; Jeremiah 29:11; Hebrews 13:5. **For each of these how does the enemy twist each one?**

There can be many objections to giving. **As a group list them & come up with what you think would be a biblical answer to each one.**

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

- **Why are we not called to reluctantly give or be under compulsion?**
- **If God loves a cheerful giver, how do you become one?**
- **What is the outworking of the promise found in v8?**