

The Generous Community

Warm Up

- Who is the most generous person you know? Why?
- Do you consider yourself to be a generous person? Why or why not?

Read

2 Corinthians 9.

- Paul is encouraging the church at Corinth to continue in their giving practices. Not only can we apply this to monetary giving, but to all areas of life.

Discuss

1. Discuss verse 6. What do you think are the benefits of giving generously? Talk about the comparison of how the farmer plants.
2. What types of problems can a generous giver run into? For example, do you think that someone could take advantage? What are ways to prevent this from happening?
3. The chapter talks about frugality. What are some things that come to your mind when you hear that word?
4. What are some advantages of being frugal? How can frugality lend to your generosity?

Apply

- As you continue to think about generosity, ask God to give you opportunities to be generous this week.

Pray

- As you close in prayer, ask God to bless your group members with a spirit of generosity.

All questions are adapted from *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith, pages 222-225. Refer to these pages for additional questions.

