

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on Sunday, January 14, 2018

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday
2. Are there any Study Questions form this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How Does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37 *ESV*

this week's memory verse

personal study questions

Stirring Up Love Through Financial Gifts
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

1. How has God shown Himself to be the ultimate generous Giver? List some of the precious gifts that God has provided for you. What cost did God give to make these gifts available to you?
2. What motivates God to give His children such lavish gifts? Why is God's motivation for His generosity to us so important?
3. Why does God ask us to give financial gifts through the local church?
3. How does this chapter answer the charge that it is wrong for the church to ask for money from its members?
4. Why does God care that we not give gifts "grudgingly" or as an "exaction"? What is ruined when a gift is given grudgingly?
5. Why does God love a "cheerful" giver? What is gained for God when His children give joyfully?
6. What should churches do to promote joy in giving generously? What should the church do to avoid encouraging grudging giving?
7. What does it mean that we will reap sparingly if we sow sparingly? What does it mean that we will reap bountifully if we sow bountifully? What motivation is God providing for our generous giving here?
8. Practically, how do you decide in your heart the amount to give to your local church and other ministries?
9. What people, teaching or circumstances has God encouraged you toward generous giving? Please relate some of the specifics of God's encouragement to you.
10. What fears might discourage you from generous giving? What promises strengthen you to overcome your fears so that you can possess a generous heart in giving?