

Giving

Pastor John Mehl

1 Timothy 6:3-12, 17-19, 2 Corinthians 8:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. In what ways did Christ become 'poor' and in what ways does that transfer to us being 'rich'? Why do you think Paul uses wording like this to describe the transaction of the Gospel?

How do we choose who we are modeling our lives after? From your experience has it been intentional or subconscious modeling?

How would you describe a biblical perspective on money? Try to use biblical terms and check to ensure that those terms are accurate within their context (i.e. 1 Tim.6:10).

Applying

Pastor John talked about how practical steps in giving can be catalytic for modeling the generosity of God in our everyday lives. Take turns talking about your experience with giving and the church. Are there opportunities for you to grow or even recall the heart of giving?

Moving from receiving teaching and studies (on worship and giving) and then personalizing it in reflection is something that others can't do for us – we have to take these intentional steps ourselves. Are there any ways these teachings the last two weekends has stirred lasting personal reflections for you?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?