

Spiritual Prosperity
November 21st, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

- **What example of generosity have you seen recently?**

INTRODUCTION

Happy Thanksgiving! We enter this Thanksgiving Sunday concluding our series on **Spiritual Prosperity**. Our study comes from a passage of scripture where the Apostle Paul shares a call to the church in Corinth to generous giving. Our scripture comes from *2 Corinthians 8:1-15*.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Read the passage: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice in this text with new or fresh eyes?
- What do you struggle with?
- What surprises you?
- What encourages you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- What three things did the Macedonian Christians do that impressed Paul? (8:3-5)
- What surprised Paul about the Macedonians' giving? (8:5)
- How have your views on giving changed over the years?
- How can joy lead to generosity, even when a person lives in poverty?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- What step can you take this week to review and improve your financial support of the Lord's work?
- In what ways besides giving money can you be generous to others in the name of Christ this week?

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.