



WEEK 1

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JOY AND GENEROSITY

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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the one Christmas present you gave to someone once, no matter how long ago it was, that has meant the most to you as the giver. Why?

2. What do you think is the idea behind the phrase that it is better to give than to receive? Better in what way? Better for who? Better, as opposed to what?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. From what we learned in the message this weekend, how does current day San Diego compare to first century Corinth?

What was unique about the Macedonians?

4. God doesn't want us to give out of our overwhelming wealth, but rather our overwhelming joy. Why? What is the difference between giving motivated by guilt and giving motivated by grace. Why does it matter to God which way we give?

5. Would you rather have exceeding wealth or exceeding joy? Do you live like that's the way you feel?

6. Can you have both great joy and great wealth? How? Do you know anyone who has both? What is remarkable about the way they live?

7. Discuss this quote from Pastor Jared: "It not the amount of money we have that determines our joy; it is our joy that determines how rich we are."

MEMORIZE 2 Corinthians 8:9 – "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

MEDITATE: Spend some time this week thinking about how you arrived at your current perspective on wealth and joy. How much do you count on wealth as a gauge of your contentment in life? If you lost every material thing you own between now and Christmas, would you still have joy that a savior was born for you, lived for you, died for you, rose again for you, and is seated at God's right hand for you?