

KINGDOM WARRIOR

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Encouragement:

Icebreaker: Pastor Dave gave a message from 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 on three aspects of giving. That we could celebrate are giving, the compulsion to give, and our commitment to give. What part of giving comes easiest to you and when is it the hardest for you to give. How do you decide when to give, how much to give, and whom to give too?

As a group make a list of everything that has been given to you from others recently, and then make another list of everything that the Father has given you recently. Make some comparisons about how you feel when you receive gifts against how you feel when you give them? As children at Christmas and birthdays we can hardly wait to receive our gifts. When was the last time you could hardly wait to GIVE someone a gift?

Scripture:

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Identify three remarkable things about the church of Macedonia's giving? What other teachings come to your mind that pertain to giving?

Considering that financial giving hasn't been mentioned until this point. How often have you applied that aspect of giving to these questions? What other ways are there to give?

Prayer:

Give thanks to God for both of the lists you made in item number two. Consider the greatest gift you have ever given, and then ask the Father to put it on your heart to give an even greater gift. Has He already done so? Pray that God will increase our desire to give grows with our love for Him. Pray that our joy may also increase with our giving.

Next Steps:

We don't all have the spiritual gift of giving, but we are all called to give. Ask the Father to reveal to you and to put on your heart the desire to fill a need that you cannot currently meet. Commit to acting on meeting that need by enlisting the help of others beginning with the power of prayer, the power of His will and of His provision.