

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

1. **BELONG** – This section isn't filler but an intentional time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connection.
 - A. Have you ever experienced a time when someone unexpectedly blessed you financially or materially? What was the impact of that experience on your life?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 together in your group and discuss the questions below. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue, not a monologue. Being a Life Group leader doesn't mean you have to be a subject matter expert on the Bible. It simply means that you are the lead learner. This section is all about discovering the Word together.
 - A. How would you summarize the primary theme of this section of Scripture to someone who hasn't read it before?
 - B. What encouragement do you find in the passage? What's challenging or uncomfortable?
 - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
 - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
 - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
 - E. What is the significance of the delegation mentioned in 2 Corinthians 8:16-24, and why does Paul highlight their role in his letter?
 - F. In what ways does Paul use the example of the Macedonian churches to inspire generosity in the Corinthian believers in this passage?

3. **GO** – Take time applying the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about self-reflection and helping one another be accountable to live out what we're learning.
 - A. How can we as a group cultivate a spirit of generosity and sacrificial giving, both individually and as a community?
 - B. In what ways have you seen financial integrity and accountability modeled well by others or organizations? What can we learn from these examples?
 - C. How can we better balance our desire to give generously with the need to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us?

4. **PRAYER** – Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time.
 - A. Pray for greater awareness of the needs around us and a willingness to sacrificially give to meet those needs.
 - B. Pray for your group to be a source of comfort and encouragement to those around them who are experiencing hardship.