

GIVE

Giving is Ministry (1.24.21)

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Generosity accomplishes ministry; it also encourages ministry.

Pastor Frank talked about that feeling of relief when you're up against it financially and someone comes to your aid. If you have a story like that share it with your small group.

Read and Review: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

- At the end of his first letter to the Corinthians Paul gave them instructions about taking a collection for Christians in Jerusalem. What observations do you have about his instructions?

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

- Frank identified four characteristics of giving the Corinthians exhibited that we should follow: eagerness, enthusiasm, willingness, and planned giving. Which of those resonates most with you? Why?
- How are the characteristics above different from giving that is motivated by guilt or fear?
- Frank said that our giving ministers to others, but it also motivates *them* to minister to others. How does that work?

Read: Acts 5:1-11

- Acts tells a story from the early church of giving gone wrong. When you think about this story in light of the four principles above, what went wrong?
- How can you make sure you give eagerly, enthusiastically, willingly and with a plan and not like Ananias and Sapphira?

Prayer: Pray that God will show what changes you need to make (if any) to give the way he wants.