

Generosity Makes No Sense

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

July 25, 2021

Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord of healing and mercy, remind us again of your power to heal our lives from fears and mistrust. Open our hearts to believe in your restorative power and your great compassion for us. Give us healing and make us agents of peace for you in this, your World. AMEN.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- With what are you most generous? (time, money, talents, etc?)

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-17.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- The Corinthian Church is struggling. Why do you believe Paul is lifting up the Macedonians?
- What principles of giving do you observe?
- Compare and contrast this passage with Romans 15:25-27 and 1 Corinthians 16:1-4.

NEXT STEPS:

- If you were to examine your love of God in light of your monthly spending, what does it reveal? What changes do you want to make?
- What stops you from being generous with your time, money and talents? How can you make a small change this week?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Faithful One whose word is life:

Come with saving power

To free my praise

Inspire my prayer

And shape my life.

For the Kingdom of Jesus.

Amen.