

Warm Up

Share a time when someone demonstrated generosity toward you.

Digging Deeper

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

What stands out to you about this encouragement toward living a generous life?

Look back at verse 7. What process might a person go through to determine what to give?

Why does God love a cheerful giver?

How is our sacrificial generosity not only a gift to others but an expression of thanks to God, as it says in verse 12?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9

How does the Lord's sacrificial generosity impact the way you think about your own generosity (or lack thereof)?

Next Steps

What are the biggest obstacles in your life when it comes to sacrificial generosity?

What can we do to cultivate a lifestyle of sacrificial generosity where we are in a sense giving "out of [our] poverty" like the widow in Mark 12:44?

Share some ideas of tangible ways we can live generously on a daily basis. What can we do to remind ourselves to take these types of actions regularly?

If each person in the MVC family took seriously the idea of sacrificial generosity, what type of impact do you think we could make in the community?

Final Thoughts

Take time this week to consider how you might take actionable steps toward sacrificial generosity and then begin taking these steps (sharing tools with your neighbor, paying for the groceries of someone at the store, begin tithing/making regular financial contributions to MVC, sponsor a child through an organization like World Vision, sending someone a note of encouragement with a gift card for coffee).

Remember, generosity is not about the size of the gift, it's about the heart! It's about trusting in God's faithfulness and provision. It's about love!