



HUMBLE & HUNGRY

WEEK 3

May 9 & 10

Obedience & Abundance

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before you use the study with your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

As a note: If you have questions related to Humble & Hungry, please feel free to submit them to humbleandhungry@tpcc.org. Our pastors or staff are available to help answer any questions you may have.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Humble & Hungry is about multiplying disciples and reaching those who are disconnected from Jesus and His Church. It's a core value for us as a church—we humbly respond to the gospel of grace, and we're hungry because we're called to the Great Commission set in place by Jesus (Matthew 28).

MAIN TEXT

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

GETTING STARTED

If money weren't a factor, what would you do for a living?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 out loud as a group. From studying this passage, we can learn several principles of generosity:

- 1. Generosity has to be a response to God's grace.**
Have you ever given resources out of obligation instead of a response to God's grace? How did that feel?
- 2. Generosity is not dependent on my circumstances.**
What situations or circumstances in your life have made it difficult to be generous in the past?

- 3. Generosity is proportionate.** We are not told an amount that we have to give, but we are given some guidelines: a tithe, a lifestyle change, and enthusiasm. Do you think 10% is a reasonable amount to give back to God? Why or why not? How would you describe your attitude towards giving? Cheerful, sometimes willing, hesitant, or opposed?

- 4. Everything is God's, and we are simply the trustees.** Think of a hypothetical situation where you do not own something, but still use it as you please. Discuss as a group. Now, consider your money/resources. Are you acting as the owner or the trustee?

- 5. Generosity is cultivated.** Do you feel like you've grown more generous over time? If yes, how? If not, why not?

- 6. Generosity is a matter of the heart.** Is money an idol for you or does it define who you are? Ask yourself: do you worry about it, envy what others have, and become overprotective of what you have? If so, money is probably an idol for you. Discuss as a group.

- 7. Generosity reorders my eternal perspective.** Do you invest your resources (time, talents, and treasure) in the kingdom of God? If not, what holds you back? What can you do to take the next step in generosity?

NEXT STEPS

Review the two-year commitment card

Think to yourself about where you fall on the generosity ladder. Pray that God would give you wisdom and clarity as you consider your next step, and that your heart would be open to whatever He is calling you to do.

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