

Crazy, Reckless, Irrational Generosity
2 Corinthians 8-9
Growth Group Questions
Week of September 24, 2017



Growing Together (Use these questions during your family/community time)

As you start your group tonight, consider these things:

1. Preach the Gospel to each other Have 1-2 people share the Gospel in their own words. (5min)
2. Share your story Have 1-2 people share their story of how God is working in them. This doesn't need to be a full life story - in fact it shouldn't be. (3min max each) Consider sharing a time when you felt unloved, hopeless or lost and Jesus was your rescuer, and how God restored/is still restoring you. He is Love, Hope. You are found. That's the Gospel at work in your life!
3. Praying for People Share an update on those God has put on your heart (and your prayer list). Have you had any spiritual conversations with them? Continue to pray that God would move in their hearts and that HE would open your eyes to see what HE is doing as well as give you opportunities to share the Gospel with them. Have courage! Remember it is God who does the work, we get to partner with Him. Share who you're praying for. As a group, be praying for each other's friends by name.
4. Plan a Party Intentionally plan an event to invite your friends to. Maybe your friends come to an event with your whole group? Or you invite your friends to a dinner with you and one other couple from your group. Your friends may not feel comfortable coming to your party, so you may need to get creative and go to them, or somewhere in between. The key is that you're intentionally inviting, and that you're not doing it alone. Keep praying for opportunities!

Thinking About and Applying the Message

5. Walk through this somewhat familiar passage, Matthew 6.19-21. Take time to ponder and keep your finger in the text. Do the same with Jesus' words found in Acts 20.35. In what ways does Jesus want these words of His to change us? What do they tell us about what we really love, no matter what we say or sing about what/who we love?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 8.9 and 9.15. God is the ultimate crazy, reckless, irrational generous One. Consider this statement: "As we give, we normally ask about our ability, but we should ask about God's ability. God is the never-ending, never-dry foundation of grace that causes His people to overflow in generosity of their own."
7. In addition to financial generosity, what are some other ways God wants us to be irrationally generous. Share specific examples. Responding to Jesus' generosity, overflow in one of these areas this week.