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BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH IS RADICALLY GENEROUS

Acts 2:44-45; 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-2

"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part."

BIG IDEAS

- Everything we possess we have been given to steward for God's glory.
- Our sacrificial generosity gives us the opportunity to make Jesus known.
- We give because Jesus gave His life for us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9; 9:6-15

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- The church is a family.
- The church is given by God.
- The church exists for God.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the unique ways God has gifted them and their church.
- Appreciation for the elders and leaders that God has gifted their church.



Every student should strive to...

- Prioritize gathering to worship each week with their church family.
- Learn more about membership in their local church.
- Do something to intentionally serve someone in their church family each week



Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursue holiness with their church family.
- To have their lives be marked by love for the church.
- To live in a way that is sacrificial and generous for the good of others and the glory of God

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it looks like to give radically. We will pray for their heart to desire the spread of the gospel and we will lead them to give radically to make Jesus known in the world.

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Read and meditate on 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 and 9:6-15 this week.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How can you model radical giving to your son or daughter? How can you discuss with them the importance of giving sacrificially? How can you help them find ways to give sacrificially?

Ponder what it looks like for your son or daughter to give like Jesus gives to us.

- How can you lead them to live radically and give radically to see others hear the gospel?



Pray for your son or daughter to desire to see others hear about Jesus so much that he or she gives radically.

- Pray with your student to be burdened for lost people in a way that leads them to live radically and to give sacrificially.



Help your son or daughter create a list of ways that he or she can give sacrificially.

- Talk through ways that he or she can earn money so that they can give sacrificially. Help them think of people or ministries to which they can contribute.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can join the church in making Jesus known. Lead your student to give sacrificially of his or her time and resources so that others hear about Jesus.