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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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it looks like to give radically. We will pray for a heart that seeks to follow Jesus' example of giving. We will practice giving generously to spread the gospel.

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

As you read and think on these verses ask yourself a few of these questions:

- What does radical generosity look like for you? How can you live a life that is marked by radical giving?
- How can you give of your resources in a way that follows Jesus' example of giving? What are some obstacles to giving that you perceive?

How does your church give radically to make the gospel known in the world?

- How can you find out how your church is giving radically to make the gospel known? How can you join your church in making Jesus known in the world? What do you need to give up in order to make Jesus known in the world?



Pray for a heart that seeks to make Jesus known no matter the cost.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to burden you for the lost in your community and in the world.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to give radically this week and every week after.



Create a list of resources and ways that you can earn money or that you are currently making money through.

- How can you leverage your time to earn money so that you can give money? What are some ways you can give radically now? Make a list of these ways and commit to give radically this week?
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can join your church in making Jesus known. Choose one or two ways to spread the gospel and commit to do that this week.