

Blessed To Be a Blessing

GEMS/CADETS SUNDAY – II Corinthians 9:8

Discussion Points

April 28, 2019

Read & Reflect

1. Read II Corinthians 9. What is the reason and motivation for Paul writing about “blessing” (vs.5)?
2. How might you summarize Paul’s perspective on giving and blessing, as stated here in chapter 9. How is his perspective connected to the Old Testament story of Abraham and the promise he received from God (Genesis 12:2-3)?

Explore

3. What motivations for blessing and giving does Paul give, and to which ones do you hold?

I want to be generous

If I give I will receive

I am thankful for my blessings

I am eager to help

I want to look/feel good

I want to bless others

I am expected to

I feel guilty if I don't

4. How can the three mandates of Micah 6:8 be understood in terms of blessing others:

● Act justly: _____

● Love mercy: _____

● Walk humbly with God: _____

5. Identify some of the blessings you have received in your life. As you consider each blessing, how do you receive and hold on to that blessing?

I'm overwhelmed by it

I expected it

I earned/deserved it

I am grateful

I take it for granted

I am afraid it will be taken away

Pray:

- Pray thanksgiving over the blessings you have received, confessing the wrong motivations and attitudes you've had towards those blessings.
- Pray blessing over others in your group and for the grace from God to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.