

**APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*The questions below are meant to be a tool to help get into God's Word, but don't feel bound to them or make getting through all of them a concern.*

1. Read 1 Cor. 4:1–7. According to this passage, what are the *actions* and the *characteristics* of a faithful steward? How does generosity fit with stewardship?
2. How does recognizing that we are recipients of grace connect with the concept of stewardship?
3. In your own words, how would you define *generosity*? What types of things can we be generous with? What is the opposite of generosity? Is it possible to be a steward but not be generous? Why or why not?
4. Read 2 Cor. 9:6–15. According to this passage, what is the *motivation* for generosity?
5. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9 that our generosity leads to God being glorified. How can your generosity lead to God's glory?
6. How does a stewardship mentality lead to generosity? How may an ownership mentality hinder generosity?
7. How does generosity help make the gospel of grace visible? How does the gospel fuel and empower generosity?
8. What promises can you cling to when you are tempted to limit your generosity? Share these with your Small Group or your friend/spouse for mutual encouragement.
9. Think of an instance when you benefited from someone else's generosity. Share your experience with the group. What are practical ways you can remind yourself of God's generosity in your life on a regular basis?

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## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP**

*During the series, we want to help your whole family learn about what it means to be a good steward. Here are some questions and activities to help you think about stewardship together.*

1. Discuss the following questions with your children:

- How does knowing that God owns everything connect to our willingness to give our things to those in need?
- Why is it hard for us to share our things with others?
- How can you share something of yours with someone else this next week?

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## **RESPONSE**

*It's important that we be doers of the Word and not hearers only, so whether you use these specific applications or not, please obey what God purs on your heart through th reading, preaching, and discussing of God's Word.*

- | Memorize 2 Cor. 9:6–8 over the course of this next week.
- | Develop a plan for how you can be more generous with your time, skills, and financial resources in the next month.