

Giving

- responding to a
- generous God



- God, the gospel & stuff

- Grace

- Living with Jesus as Lord

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2 Corinthians 8-9

Sunday 15th November



- **Why give to church?**

- **How, and how much should we give?**

Conversation starter:

Why are we reluctant to talk about money?

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Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

It is difficult to talk about this subject in a group. We all have different experiences, expectations and financial situations. However, it is an important issue so begin by praying for an encouraging and helpful time together.

- Can you think of any great examples of financial 'givers' (without naming names!). What was it about them that stands out? What do you think shaped their attitudes?
- Look at 2 Cor 8v1-9. How does the Macedonian example sound to you? Realistically, how do you feel about being like them? What things seem to be important to them?
- How does Paul want the Macedonian example to effect the Corinthians? How about how it should effect us?
- In 9v7 we are told to decide 'in our hearts' what we should give. What is the relationship between money and our hearts? How important is the way we handle our money in our discipleship? Why?
- What are the benefits to us and others of giving generously? What should motivate it?

How do you feel you and your bank account need to respond to this. (Feel free not to share this with others, but you might want others to pray for you, and to be accountable to doing something about it! Pray!