

**SERMON SERIES:** LIFE IN RHYTHM

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## Sermon Title:

“GIVE.”

## Introduction

We are wrapping up our Life in Rhythm series this week. We've discussed the values of gathering, connecting, serving, and sharing. This week we are going to cover the value of giving. Sometimes giving can be an awkward subject to talk about. It can be uncomfortable to talk about where money and church intersect, but God calls us to be good stewards and generous givers with more than just finances. This week we are shifting our focus to what we can learn about generosity and giving from Scripture.

- Have you ever participated in a game of Secret Santa or White Elephant? What was the funniest gift you gave or received during that game?

## Seek the Word

Read 2 Corinthians 9.

- Why might Jesus use the metaphor of sowing/reaping?
- What does verse 7 tell us about the purpose of giving?
- How does Jesus display generosity?
- Which characteristics of God do we see in this passage?

## Go Deeper

To gain a deeper understanding of our passage, read through 2 Corinthians 8, 9, and 10. Create a list of repeated words, themes, or phrases that Paul uses. Answer the questions like why, when, and to who Paul was directing his letter.

## Talk About It

- What sort of things make it hard to be generous? How can we remove those barriers?
- If someone were to ask you why they should give, what would you tell them?
- What sort of things can we be generous with, other than finances? Is there something you feel equipped to be generous with?
- How can we remind ourselves of the purpose of generous giving?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* We give generously to deepen our trust in God and impact the lives of others.

*Challenge:* To challenge yourself this week, take an inventory of which areas of your life you are giving generously and which areas of your life you struggle to do so. Choose one area of your

life and practice giving generously in it this week. Remember that we can give generously with more than just finances.