

## WHY WE HAVE A WEEKLY OFFERING 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 | 2 Corinthians 9:7-11

*“<sup>1</sup>Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. <sup>2</sup>On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. <sup>3</sup>Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.”*

(1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

### INTRODUCTION:

Read Psalm 24:1 and 1 Corinthians 4:7. What do these verses say about all that we own?

- How does our participation in regular offering help us practically express the truth that everything we own belongs to God?

### DISCUSS:

1. **From 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, what is the purpose of the collection that Paul instructed the Corinthian church to take? How does it reinforce the idea that the Church is a family?**

*“<sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”*

*<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”*

(2 Corinthians 9:7–11)

**2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-11.**

- **What evidence is there from this passage to show that God blesses us so that we can bless others through our giving?**
- **What are some attributes we should display in our giving? (vv6-7)**

**RESPOND:**

- 3. Jesus said, “*You cannot serve both God and money.*” (Matthew 6:24) Reflecting on this and on 2 Corinthians 9:7-11, what are some ways that God shapes us through our practice of generosity and giving?**

- 4. How can we allow God to grow generosity within us through our giving?**