Questions

1. How does understanding our giving as participation in the Lord's work change the way we think about supporting the ministries of the church?

2. In 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, Paul describes the generosity of the Macedonian churches as a work of God's grace. How should the grace we have received in Christ influence our willingness to give?

3. Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 16:2 teach us that our giving should be universal, intentional, regular, and proportionate to how God has blessed us. Is there an area among these four principles you need to grow in? If there Is, what practical steps could you take?

4. Paul was intentional about his ministry plans. What might it look like for us to be more intentional about the opportunities God has given us to serve Him?

5. Paul remained in Ephesus despite significant opposition because a door for effective ministry had opened (vv. 8–9). What can we learn from his example about persevering when ministry becomes difficult or discouraging? (see Acts 19 for examples of opposition)

6. Think about someone who faithfully serves the Lord, either in our church or on the mission field. What is one specific thing you could do this week to encourage or support that person?

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Doing the Lord's Work Together

1 Corinthians 16:1-12

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In 1 Corinthians 16:1-12, Paul gives us three practical examples to help us fulfill our shared responsibility to do the Lord's work.

1. **Giving generously to support the ministries of the church (1 Cor 16:1-4)**

   a. Participating in the Lord's work through generosity

   b. Giving should be universal, intentional, regular, and proportionate to how the Lord has blessed us.

   c. Stewarding the gifts

2. **Commitment to the Lord's work (1 Cor 16:5-9)**

    a. Be intentional in doing the Lord's work

    b. Submit our plans to the Lord

    c. Persevere in doing the Lord's work

    d. Support those who do the Lord's work

3. **Caring for those who do the Lord's work (1 Cor 16:10-12)**

    a. Participation in the Lord's work by caring for the workers

    b. Encouraging those who do the Lord's work