6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. **7** You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." **8** And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. **9** As the Scriptures say,

"They share freely and give generously to the poor.
Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share an experience that brought you joy recently?

Have two or three people read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

"God measures the value of our generosity by the depth of our joy and not the depth of our pockets." Reflect on this for a moment. What does joyous giving look like?

Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What does this passage tell us about joy and giving?

God is a cheerful giver. What gifts from God are you especially thankful for right now?

Share an example of joyful generosity that you have witnessed. How did one person's generosity affect not just the recipient but others as well?

What were your thoughts about giving and generosity when we started this series? In what ways, if any, have your thoughts changed?

How can you pray for each other during this season?