

2 Corinthians 8 & 9

Comprehension: (In other words, what does it say?)

What are the themes in these chapters?

Interpretation: (In other words, what does it mean?)

How does Paul brag on the Macedonian church?

What does Paul mean when he writes in v.8 that he wants “to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others”?

Why is Paul not only concerned with what the Lord thinks? Why is he also concerned about what others think?

What does he explain is driving his desire for the Corinthians to give? How do you understand (process) this?

Paul refers to a commitment that had been made by the Corinthians, explain what's going on in 9:1-5

For what reason are we made rich in every way? Rewrite verses 12-15 in your own words and discuss your understanding of them:

Application: (In other words, how do I apply this to my life?)

Giving is a spiritual discipline. Are you trying to grow in this area of discipline or have you picked a number/percentage and staying content without growing? How do these 2 chapters make you think differently about giving?

In what ways do you sow sparingly? Generously? Are you a cheerful giver or does it feel like you're paying your taxes when you give to the church?