*Community Groups*

“Beyond Me”

Discussion Guide

 May 5th, 2019

 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

**Questions for Study and Group Discussion**

\*\* Before you begin, please read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 as a group.

1. Last week, we focused on 2 Corinthians 5. Revisit verses 14 & 15 and summarize what last week’s message was all about.
2. As we lean into this initiative as a church—Immeasurably More For The City—why is it important to make sure we’re clear about what’s compelling us?
3. Reflect on the description we get of the Macedonian church in 2 Corinthians 8:2. What reasons could they have given for not being generous? What caused them to be generous despite their circumstances?
4. Do you often associate the phrase “overflowing joy” with following Jesus? Why or why not?
5. Continuing into verses 3 & 4, what phrases stick out to you that highlight the generosity Macedonians?
6. What’s the significance of this statement in verse 5: “they gave themselves first of all to the Lord”?
7. What does it mean to have a “Beyond Me” mentality?
8. Describe someone you know that often demonstrates this kind of mentality? Why do you think they’re driven to live this way?
9. Reflecting on your own life, what circumstances sometimes prevent you from living with a mindset of generosity?
10. In verse 9, Paul describes the greatest act of generosity ever accomplished. Read this verse again and discuss how it impacts everything that’s been discussed up to this point.
11. What specific steps of obedience can you take this coming week, to apply what you’ve learned in 2 Corinthians 8:1-9? Has God given you a nudge during this discussion?