

# IMMEASURABLY MORE FOR THE CITY



## Sow Generously

Discussion Guide | May 12, 2019

Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 as a group.

1. As we've talked about the "Immeasurably More For the City" initiative during the last couple of weeks, what excites you about the future and how God is at work?
2. Corinthians 5:14-15 has been an anchor-passage for us throughout this series. Read it again and reflect on it. What makes this passage so significant?
3. In 2 Corinthians 9:6, Paul shares a principle about reaping and sowing that seems almost paradoxical. In what ways is this the opposite of the way our world and the culture around us thinks?
4. Describe someone you know who is generous? What drives them to sow generously?
5. Does "reap[ing] generously" only refer to an increase in terms of finances and resources? What else might we reap from sowing generously?
6. Verse 7 provides us with some helpful instructions on how we practice generosity.
  - Why is it important to be led by your heart, rather than led by guilt, reluctance, pressure, etc.?
  - How can we ensure we're submitting our heart to God?
  - What does it mean to be a cheerful giver? If we're not cheerful in giving, what might that be a symptom of?
7. How can you plan and prepare to give wisely, while at the same time giving as an act of faith – stretching yourself, trusting God, sacrificing, etc.?
8. What promises does Paul lay out for us in verses 8-11. In what ways does this encourage you to want to sow generously?
9. What other results of sowing generously do you see in verses 12-14?
10. What specific steps of obedience can you take this coming week to apply what you've learned in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15? Has God given you a nudge during this discussion?
11. Take some time to pray as a group. This is a big moment in the life of Brookside. Pray for this initiative, pray for commitment Sunday (May 19<sup>th</sup>), and pray that we would be a people who seek God for immeasurably more. On a personal level, ask God to speak to you about your role in what He's doing!