

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would you guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

- What do we learn about the Macedonian churches from this passage?
- Given their circumstances, how does their generosity stand out?
- The Macedonians were suffering, yet they gave joyfully and generously. How does that challenge the way we think about giving today?
- Have you ever experienced joy through generosity, even when it was difficult to give?

Exodus 16:1-20

- Why do you think the Israelites complained so soon after experiencing God's miraculous rescue?
- What does the story of manna teach us about God's provision?
- Why do you think some people tried to hoard manna?

Owners vs Stewards

- 2 Corinthians 8:5 says, "They gave themselves first of all to the Lord." What does it mean to give ourselves fully to God?
- How does viewing ourselves as **stewards** instead of **owners** change the way we think about our money, time, and resources?
- What are some ways that a stewardship view will bring joy to our lives?
- What practical steps can we take to live as stewards rather than owners?

Closing Prayer