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Sunday, February 5, 2017
Small Group Discussion notes

Digging Deeper:

In 2 Corinthians 8 Paul tells the story of the Macedonian church as an example to inspire the church in Corinth to give generously. Who is someone in your life who inspires you to be generous?

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. How does Paul describe the Macedonian church? What is your response to the radical description of this church found in verse 2?
2. What motivated the Macedonians to give according to 2 Corinthians 8:5? What was the result?
3. What is Paul "testing" in verse 8? What comparison is he making? What does this tell us about authentic motivation for giving?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:10-15. What does Paul say about the Corinthians' motivation toward giving "last year?" What might you conclude about their current situation? What causes our generosity ebb and flow?
5. What typically motivates you to give? Do you see a correlation between the sincerity of your love for God and the overflow of your generosity to others?

Abide/Bless/Love:

Spend time meditating on our church vision statement this week: *To be a community, compelled by Christ's love to bless our world.* Ask God align your heart with this vision.