

Sermon-based Discussion Questions

“Sharing During Shortages” from 4/26/20

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

SPOILER ALERT: *You may not want to read these until
AFTER you have heard the sermon.*

1. What do you remember about one of the first times you were taught to share with others? Which of the following words is most meaningful to you: generosity, sacrifice, or solidarity? Why?
2. What do you enjoy about sharing with others? What are some potential dangers or pitfalls of sharing with others?
3. In 2 Corinthians 8, how do you think the “grace of giving” in verse 7 connects with the grace of Jesus in verse 9?
4. Have you heard any good stories of people who have practiced sharing during shortages? How has their story encouraged or inspired you? (Consider 2 Corinthians 8:8)
5. Why might we sometimes hesitate to receive it when someone else offers to share with us? What can we do to break through the awkwardness, embarrassment, or pride that sometimes comes with giving and receiving?
6. What are some things that history has taught you about “Sharing During Shortages?” How should we respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in light of how others responded to the Spanish Flu or the Great Famine in the 1st century? What can we learn from 2 Corinthians 8:1-15?
7. What kinds of shortages are you and the people you know encountering in your lives right now? What are some resources that might help alleviate these shortages? (Consider 2 Corinthians 8:13-15)