

Week of October 19, 2025 - Set Something Aside | Small Group Lesson 38

Connect

Share about a gift you planned to give to someone and you couldn't wait to give it to them. What made you feel that way?

"*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "* **Acts 20:35b**

Verses - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (CSB)

READ ALOUD:

1 Now about the collection for the saints: Do the same as I instructed the Galatian churches. 2 On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering, so that no collections will need to be made when I come. 3 When I arrive, I will send with letters those you recommend to carry your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it is suitable for me to go as well, they will travel with me.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In v.1, Paul instructs the Corinthians to take up a "collection for the saints." Who were these "saints?"

2. Paul specifies the offering should happen "On the first day of the week" (v.2). Why is it significant that this act of giving is tied to this day?

3. The instruction is for "each one of you" to set something aside "as he may prosper" (v.2). What principles of giving do these two phrases teach us for Christian living?

4. Paul wants the collection to be prepared in advance so there are "no collections when I come" (v.2). Does this emphasis a planned, systematic giving or rather than a single emotional appeal? What is the difference and why would Paul recommend this style of giving?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi shared an illustration of using different envelopes to budget for various expenses (tithe, food, bills, etc.). How does the practical act of "setting something aside" for God first, before handling other expenses, challenge the way we typically manage our finances? If you began to do this, would it make this discipline more difficult or easier?

Discuss 2:
Pastor Takeshi mentioned that “tithing” is like “QT” – a spiritual discipline. It’s not a law we must keep. It’s a spiritual discipline we practice to honor God. What does this mean? What does it personally mean for you?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.