

# IT FOLLOWS

## 3. Prosperity Follows

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

**10** Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- Read Matthew 6.24. "You cannot serve both God and money." When we talk about issues of money we're really talking about ownership, about what masters us. Do you agree? In what ways does money become our Master?
- **Prosperity.** How has the church got it wrong in the past when talking about finance, giving and prosperity?
- **Principle.** 2 Corinthians 9.6 Sow sparingly, reap sparingly; sow generously, reap generously. What inspires you about this principle when it comes to finance and generosity? What challenges you?
- **Promise.** v10-11. "you will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous." Have you ever experienced this yourself - being generous and seeing God supply your needs? What does it mean when people say, you can't out-give God? How much faith do you have that God will take care of your needs if you are generous to others?
- **Practice.** v7. Which of the three elements impacts you the most: **Personal** (what does generosity look like for you?), **Predetermined** (choose ahead of time, not in the emotion of the moment) and **Private** (your giving is part of your secret history with God, like prayer)?
- What changes are you inspired to make as a result of this message?

Big Idea: 'Prosperity follows Generosity. Treating money as seed to sow, and not just a resource to consume, frees us from the grip of materialism, and allows God to bless us.'

Break up into small groups and pray for one another. Pray particularly for those experiencing financial pressure and worry. Pray that God would bring them into a place of security and provision.

Pray that God gives us a spirit of hilarious generosity, that giving would be a joy, not a chore or pressure. Pray for practical outcomes from this message, that people would commit to supporting the work of church and sow into the future of Metro.

Finally, pray that God would supply the needs of Metro as we grow and build up the church. Pray that the practical resources we need to impact the city would be provided.

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