

LESSON 3 • Share/Serve



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2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Be generous and share as God's faithful stewards.

Acts 20:35

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

1 Key Concepts

- God's grace in Christ leads to a response of joy and generosity.
- Teach the students the importance of doing servant events.
- Teach the students the importance of being a good neighbor.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Be ready to read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- Be ready to do some brainstorming with the students on a servant event.

3 Lesson

- Read the story of the Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- In this story, the Macedonians care for others.
 - God's grace empowered them.
 - They gave even though they were poor.
 - They begged for the opportunity to give.
 - They gave themselves first to the Lord.
 - Then they gave themselves to their neighbors.
- Our neighbors are not just those who live near us.
 - They are the person you are sitting next to, or the person you pass on the street.
 - They could be the person you see in church or someone on the other side of the world.
 - They don't need to be people we know.
- God wants us to take care of and help all those in need.
- God says in **Acts 20:35** 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
 - Look for ways to help your neighbors.
 - Look for ways to help those around us.
- God says in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 to be joyful and to share generously.

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4 Conclusion

God has given to us generously in Christ. His desire is that we share generously with others.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gifts you have given us. Thank you for giving us the example of the Macedonians. We rejoice in the love and forgiveness Christ gives. Help us to be generous with our neighbors.
Amen.

6 Resources

- Bible
- Luther's Small Catechism p. 73
- Webster's Dictionary
- <http://tmcyouth.com/media/library/the-good-samaritan-rescue-from-the-bad-banditoes>
This is a video from a youth group on their take on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

7 Vocabulary

Neighbor: one who lives near another, a fellowman

8 Activity

Do a service project in your church or your community.

