



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Nov. 23 & 24, 2024

“Contribute Cheerfully to Build Hope for Tomorrow”

[2 Corinthians 9:6-9](#)

During the month of November, we've been having a giving campaign called Building Hope for Tomorrow. We believe God is calling Hope to position ourselves for future generations. Over the past few weeks, we've talked a lot about this vision. Continue praying about what God wants to do through you to reach out to the world around us!

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any “ah-ha” moments where you felt convicted, compelled or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

#### Read [2 Corinthians 9:6-9](#) – “Generosity Encouraged”

- How does this verse challenge common views of giving? Reflect on a time you felt joy when giving. What made it joyful?
- What role does prayer play in discerning what to give? In what ways can giving become a spiritual discipline in your life?
- Why does God value cheerful giving over reluctant giving? How can this passage guide your small group in supporting the church's mission?
- How does this verse invite us to trust God with our resources? Discuss ways to create a culture of cheerful giving within the church.

#### Read [Matthew 5:14-16](#) – “Salt and Light”

- What does it mean to “let your light shine” in everyday life? Share examples of how the church is a light to the community.
- How can we balance humility with being a light to others? What steps can you take to ensure your actions glorify God rather than yourself?
- How can your small group reflect God's light in tangible ways? What are some challenges to being a light in your workplace, school, or community?
- How can this verse inspire the church's Building Hope for Tomorrow initiative? What practical ways can you be a light to those who are hurting or in need?

#### Read [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#) – “Final Charge to Timothy”

- How do you understand the phrase “life that is truly life”? Why does wealth often create a false sense of security?
- What does it mean to put your hope in God instead of material things? How can generosity help deepen your faith?
- Discuss ways your small group can encourage each other to be “rich in good deeds.” How does this passage challenge society's view of success?
- What does it look like to lay up treasures in heaven in practical terms? How does living with a Kingdom mindset change your perspective on wealth and giving?

### APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- Reflect on a specific way God has blessed you recently. Share that blessing with someone in your life who might need encouragement, and thank God for his goodness in prayer.
- This week, choose one way to extend generosity—whether through your time, talents, or resources—to meet someone else's need. Take this step as an act of worship and trust in God's provision.
- Identify a way you can take a bold step to serve or lead in your church or community. Pray for guidance, then act by signing up for a ministry, starting a new act of service, or inviting someone to encounter Jesus.