

## **Called to Give**

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How fully do you understand your faith? Can you relate to the Holy Spirit or is that an aspect of God that you struggle to understand? What helps you to keep deepening your understanding of and experience of the Spirit's life-changing power?**
- 2. How does a "call to give" resonate with you? What does a "call to give" look like across the various aspects of your life from how you spend your time and money to how you offer your presence and spiritual gifts?**
- 3. How does following Jesus impact the decisions you make about what you spend money on? Are there things you spend money on that may actually be working against your relationship with Jesus?**
- 4. How does Paul persevere in the face of difficulty? How does his example of giving himself fully to the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, even in the face of difficulty, inspire you to consider how you are giving yourself to the same mission?**



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### **Acts 18:23**

**After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.**

### **Acts 19:1**

**While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.**



AD 67 Paul

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AD. 53-57 Paul's third missionary journey

AD. 52 Paul returns to Syrian Antioch

AD. 50-51 To Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia

AD. 50 Paul and Silas begin second missionary journey

AD. 50 Jerusalem Council

AD. 50 Conflicts over circumcision

AD. 49-50 Paul writes Galatians?

AD. 49-50 Paul and Barnabas return to Syrian Antioch

AD. 49 Paul and Barnabas begin "first" missionary journey

AD. 48 Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem

AD. 47 Barnabas to Syrian Antioch with Paul at Tarsus







### **1 Corinthians 16:1–3**


**Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem.**









 Acts 19:2-7

He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.



## **Acts 1:8**

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**





## **Acts 19:18–20**


**Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.**



## **Corinthians 9:6–15**

**The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”**





**He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**



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