2 Corinthians 8:1-15 and 9:6-15 - They gave

1) The grace of giving (8:1-9)

2) The practice of giving

Give:

- Abundantly *(8:11-13)*
- Trustingly *(8:15; 9:8-11)*
- Thoughtfully *(9:7)*
- Cheerfully *(9:7, 12-15)*

For further discussion

- Do you see giving more as a burden or as a joy? Why?
- In 2 Cor 8:1-9, how does Paul outline the motivation for Christian giving?
- "You cannot outgive God". How does this challenge our approach to giving financially?
- Noting Paul's argument in 8:11-13 and the rest of the passage, what are the pros and cons to encouraging Christians to tithe 10% of our income?
- Do you struggle to trust God to provide what you need? Why/why not? How does this affect your attitude to giving?
- What does it look like to give thoughtfully (9:7)?
- Could you describe your giving as cheerful (9:7)? What might make you more cheerful in your giving?