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Sermon Talks

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 as you prepare to work through the sermon talks.
2. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
3. What is the difference between giving "reluctantly or under compulsion" and giving "cheerfully" (not just monetarily)?
4. Have you ever served or given out of pure obligation or guilt? How did that drain you? How can we shift our mindset so that opening our lives to others feels like a joyful privilege rather than a chore?
5. If you look at your current habits – whether with your money, time, or energy – would you describe your "sowing" as sparse or bountiful? What holds you back from sowing more generously?
6. Verse 10 states that God supplies "seed to the sower and bread for food." Why is it vital to remember that God is the source of both our daily bread (what we consume) and our seed (what we give away)?
7. Generosity isn't just about money. What is a "seed" God has given you right now – such as an open schedule, a specific skill, an encouraging word, or a physical resource – that you can plant in someone else's life this week?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17, and Colossians 3:23. What do these verses teach us about how to approach each day?
9. If you picked just one area of your life to consciously do for the Lord this week (your parenting, your job, your school, your finances, your hobbies), which area needs it most right now? What is one small step you can take on Monday to start?
10. Verse 15 concludes with, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" How does keeping the gospel (Jesus' sacrifice) at the center of our minds change the way we look at our lives?
11. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.