

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from January 9, 2011
“The Example of the Macedonians”
2 Corinthians 8:1**

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 and make as many observations as possible.

How do these verses fit into the flow of the passage?

What specifically was Paul referring to when he referenced “the grace of God” in verse 1?

How was that grace manifested in the Macedonians?

What preceded the manifestation of this grace?

Applying the sermon

What examples do you see of professing believers being manipulated to give by appealing to the baser elements of humanness such as shame, guilt, fear, greed or pride?

Why might these appeals be unprofitable in terms of advancing Christ’s kingdom and glorifying God?

Why would prayerfully and faithfully teaching the Word of God to those who know Him and love Him be far better in terms of advancing Christ’s kingdom and glorifying God?

Are you presently wholeheartedly committed to God so that His grace can fill you and flow through you?

How are you seeing His grace manifested in your giving?