

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from January 16, 2011
"The Example of the Macedonians"
2 Corinthians 8:2-5**

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 8:2-7 and make as many observations as possible.

How do verses 2-7 fit with verse 1?

Describe the generosity of the Macedonians as outlined by Paul?

What did Paul mean by the phrase, "according to their ability and beyond their ability."

What did Paul mean by the phrase "not as we had expected."

Applying the sermon

In what areas of your life do you see the grace of God being poured out upon you?

Are you seeing the grace of God being poured out upon you in the area of giving?

How do you know that the grace of God is being poured out upon you in the area of your giving?

Would you like to grow more in this area of giving? Why or why not?

If you desire to grow in this area of your life, then prayerfully meditate on the example of the Macedonians and ask God to pour out His grace upon you.