

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from February 27, 2011 “Paul’s Expectation for the Corinthians” 2 Corinthians 8:11-15

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 8:13-15 carefully and make as many observations as possible.

What does Paul mean when he speaks about “equality” in 2 Corinthians 8:13?

How did he see this “equality” being worked in 2 Corinthians 8:14?

What bearing does Romans 15:27 have on what Paul is saying about “equality” in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15?

Why did Paul quote Exodus 16:18 in order to support what he had just said about “equality?”

Applying the sermon

What responsibility does a Christian with abundance have to supply the basic needs of every poor person?

What responsibility does a Christian with abundance have to supply the basic needs of any person they encounter?

What responsibility does a Christian with abundance have to supply the needs of those who choose to live irresponsibly and who have no interest in pursuing or holding down a job. though they are physically and mentally capable of it?

If the elders of this church asked you to help meet the needs of a specific group of people, even though you may have never met this group, what would your obligation be?

In light of your abundance, is there anyone you know that has basic needs that are not being met? What are you going to do to help meet these basic needs?