

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from March 20, 2011 The Collection: Paul's Expectation for the Collection 2 Corinthians 8:11-15**

#### **Observing the text**

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 and make as many observations as possible. How do these verses fit into the flow of the text?

Who were the various members of the delegation, and what did Paul say about them?

What motivated Paul to assemble the delegation?

What was Paul's concluding remark concerning the delegation in 2 Corinthians 8:23?

What was Paul's concluding remark concerning the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 8:24?

#### **Applying the sermon**

What was Paul's strategy when he encouraged the churches of Achaia and Macedonia to give to the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem?

How did Paul's relationship with the churches of Achaia and Macedonia play a role in the way they responded to his request?

What parallel do you see between Paul's request to the churches in Achaia and Macedonia to give to the collection and what the elders are asking us to do?

If you are asked to prayerfully consider what the Lord might have you give in order to help those impacted by the earthquake and tsunami, what will be your response? Why?

How important is it that any gift we might be led to give would be given cheerfully?