

— *a time for* —

EVERYTHING

REAP & SOW

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Acts 5:1-11, Proverbs 11:24-25, Acts 20:31-35

Introduction:

We all experience different seasons... In this series, we're going to unpack some seasons of life, and look at God's purposes for each, what He may be teaching us, and what is most important in them.

This past week, Chad talked about the idea of reaping and sowing. What we put our money, time, efforts into is what we are going to get a return on. If we focus our money on acquiring stuff, it will lead us to be more greedy. If we put all of our time into work, we will reap being a workaholic. How we "sow" or spend our resources will reap what we sow. As you work through these questions this week, share an honest account of where you are. Lean into each other for support as you take a next step in your journey with God in the area of reaping and sowing.

Use these passages and questions to help think through this with your Ridge Group this week.

Icebreaker:

What is one lesson about money you can recall learning from your parents?

Digging Deeper:

What stood out to you this week from the message?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

By "sowing and reaping" imagery, is Paul saying that if you give \$100 you will get \$1000? Why or why not?

What do you make of the three "alls" in v. 8?

For what purpose will God materially bless these people?

How does generosity effect righteousness, and the ever-widening circles of people giving thanks to God?

How is giving contagious? Share an example from your own life.

How does giving reflect God's grace?

Why is being able to receive also important? (v.12)

What have you reaped by being generous to others?

How can God's promise (v.8) enable you to be more generous? To persevere in your work?

How do generosity and financial planning and responsibility fit together?

Application:

Share one change you can make this week to set your sowing on what you want to actually reap.