



Lesson Three - One Cooperative Effort

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Churches Working Together in One Cooperative Effort

Teacher/Leader Instructions

Lesson Three of the Give+Go Bible Study Series, titled "One Cooperative Effort," emphasizes the importance of churches working together to advance their shared mission, using 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 as the foundation for the lesson.

The session begins with a video recap of previous lessons, highlighting the story of Dylan and how our "One Cooperative Effort" can help individuals like him thrive in their callings. This leads into the focal passage, where Paul's careful management of resources for the Corinthian church underscores the value of partnership, accountability, and integrity in collective ministry. Corinth, as a bustling port city and commercial hub, serves as the backdrop for Paul's strategic approach in selecting trusted partners and implementing safeguards to ensure transparency. Paul knows his audience. He wants to ensure their confidence in the administration of the offering.

The lesson also connects this biblical example to the Cooperative Program, illustrating how collective giving funds ministry efforts today. Participants are encouraged to reflect on questions about generosity, accountability, and their personal connections to larger denominational efforts around South Carolina and around the globe. Ultimately, the study challenges believers to recognize the tangible and spiritual impact of working together. Finally, the lesson reaffirms the importance of continued cooperation among churches.

A sample timeline for Lesson Three is:

Opening Prayer	- 2 minutes
Video Introduction	- 10 minutes
Lesson - Part 1	- 12 minutes
CP Video	- 4 minutes
Lesson - Part 2	- 12 minutes
Discussion	- 18 minutes
Closing Prayer	- 2 minutes

Two important teaching notes for this lesson. The first is there is a second video for this Bible study, helping to explain the Cooperative Program. When to play the video is noted in the teaching materials. Secondly, there are several discussion questions within the lesson. Be careful to monitor the discussion times. There is much to cover in this lesson.

(Teacher Note: Read the following introduction before watching the video.)

"Before we dive into today's lesson, let me ask a few questions: Have you ever wondered what it looks like for churches to work together to make a difference? How can one small step of generosity change someone's life forever?

Today, we are about to watch a video that explores these ideas in a powerful way. It's the third lesson in the Give+Go Bible Study Series, titled One Cooperative Effort, and it focuses on the example of giving and teamwork found in 2 Corinthians 8:16-24.

This lesson builds on themes of unity and generosity we've discussed before, and it re-introduces us to Dylan, the young man whose life was transformed through the love, support, and cooperation of his church community. Through his story, we'll see how the seeds of generosity can grow into a legacy of faith and service. We'll also learn about the practical ways churches can come together to support future leaders in ministry.

As you watch, think about this: "What would it mean for us to work together as one body of believers? How do today's actions impact lives for generations to come? Let's watch and see how God uses the willing hearts of his people to sow seeds of hope, generosity, and unity."