



Lesson Four Outline – This Moment In Time

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Churches Working Together For This Moment In Time

VIDEO INTRODUCTION –

A. Remembering Carlos' Question: How Does This Baptist System Work?

- 1). One Mission – One Family – One Cooperative Effort

B. Considering Anna: Her Moment in Time:

- 1). Called to care for another people group
- 2). Connect Corinthian church and their moment with Anna and her moment
- 3). Connect Anna's moment in time with our moment in time

C. Invitation to Generous and Cheerful Giving:

- 1). Paul's invitation to the Corinthians
- 2). Anna's invitation
- 3). Our invitation

I. THE POINT IS THIS! - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

A. The Heart of God's Invitation: vv. 6-7

- 1). Generosity includes, but is not limited to, financial giving
- 2). Bountiful generosity
- 3). Cheerful generosity

B. Discussion #1:

- 1). In addition to financial gifts, what are some other ways we have given and/or received generosity from people?
- 2). Why does God focus so much on the "heart" of giving in these verses?
- 3). How can we discern whether our giving is motivated by a true desire to be generous or by external pressure?
- 4). What are some personal or societal pressures that can lead people to give reluctantly or under compulsion? How can we overcome these pressures?
- 5). Have you ever experienced an occasion when giving your time, resources, or talents resulted in blessings that exceeded what you gave? How did that impact your view of generosity?

C. The Results of Accepting God's Invitation to Give Bountifully and Cheerfully: vv.8-15

- 1). An abundance of God's grace - vv. 8-1
- 2). Thanksgiving to God - v. 12
- 3). Glorifying God - v. 13
- 4). Praise God for his inexpressible gift - v. 14
- 5). The results of accepting God's invitation to generosity at our moment in time.

D. What Harvest Do You Expect?

II. DISCUSSION:

- 1). What has your attention from the Give+Go series?
- 2). How can our church be more generous? How can you be more generous?
- 3). What are some opportunities (invitations) found in our "Moment in Time?"
- 4). How is generosity a reflection of our understanding of the Gospel?
- 5). What is "generosity in every way" look like in our "Moment in Time?" - v. 11
- 6). How does our generosity impact Anna's story?
- 7). How many more 'Annas' are needed on the mission field?
(The IMB currently has 1,300 missionaries preparing for service and would like to send an additional 500.)
- 8). What was new to you in this Bible study series?
- 9). What is one action step our church can take to engage our "Moment in Time?"
- 10). Paul speaks of the relationship between Jewish and Gentile believers. How can our acts of generosity bridge divides in our community and bring unity within the church?