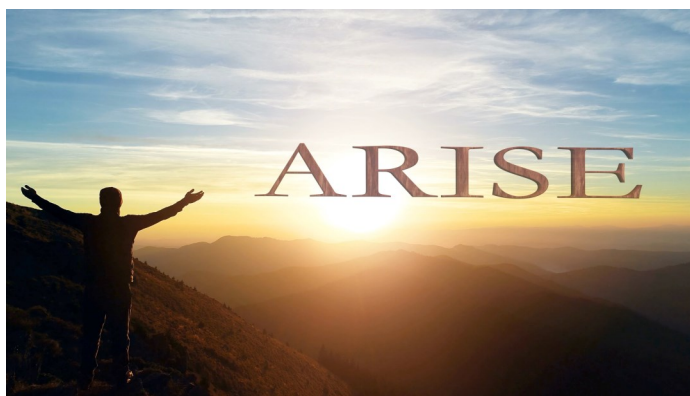


# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Arise: Stewardship

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When stewardship arises, ministry arises. And people are blessed – both those who share what they have, and those who receive what they need.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

Not long after Jesus' resurrection both the Roman and Jewish authorities persecuted the Christians in Jerusalem. While most of the Christians fled to the surrounding territories, some stayed behind, and their lives were hard. To support them, Paul called upon the young churches throughout the surrounding territories to give an offering in support of their struggling sisters and brothers in the faith. Apparently, the Corinthians had promised a generous gift, but had failed to fulfill that promise. Paul writes the words recorded in 2 Corinthians 8 to encourage their stewardship.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Psalm 24:1 and 1 Corinthians 7:22. How do these verses enhance your understanding of stewardship?
- Share about a time when you were blessed by someone sharing what they have with you. Then, share about a time that you were blessed by sharing something you have with someone else.
- What is something other than money that you have been given to steward? How are you using it in alignment with God's purposes as revealed in Jesus?
- Re-read 2 Corinthians 8:10. Share about a time when you have been tempted to quit something worthwhile or about a time that somebody gave you good advice.
- How is stewardship arising in you? What is the Spirit nudging you to steward differently, more freely or more generously?

**APPLICATION:** Spend some quiet time reflecting on these three important principles of faithful stewardship: The amount doesn't matter, but our heart's intention does; True stewardship is never a "have to" but always a "get to"; and We always have enough to be generous with what God has given us. Consider how you can grow in faithful stewardship.