

2011-12 BSP#7 Group Time Discussion

L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

(A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion

(Time available: 10 minutes. Do all 2 questions.) 「祂給我們講解了聖經」 - 為讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間，討論 2 個問題)

1. [M] What were the practical and the symbolic meanings of the collection of money that St. Paul and his associates took up among the Gentile churches? 聖保祿和他的同伴在外邦人的教會收取獻金有什麼實質的，與象徵的意義?
2. [M] Read 8:3. What does the Church do with the standard that Paul erects for almsgiving? 請閱讀第 8 章 3 節。教會如何處理保祿所立的施捨準則?
3. [L] Read 9:7. What do reluctant givers show themselves to be? 請閱讀第九章 7 節。不十分情願的施捨者會顯示他們自己是什麼樣的?

(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss one of the questions below for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 15 minutes) “我們的心不是火熱的嗎? “為默想，祈禱，實踐”的題目，請用十五分鐘討論以下任何一條問題。

1. Read 8:1-5. In what kinds of charitable giving do you engage? What kinds do you avoid? In either case, what seems to be your principal motivation? 請閱讀第八章 1-5 節。您關切和參與的是那一類慈善捐款? 那一類是您要避開的? 您對這兩方有所取捨的原則大約是什麼?
2. Read 9:6. Though Paul is speaking of the need for generosity (the “sowing”), is he implying that one should be generous simply in order to get something back (the “reaping”)? From a spiritual perspective, what kinds of “reaping” can the generous person expect? 請閱讀第九章 6 節。雖然保祿說：要大方(播種時)。他是否暗示我們大方的理由是為能得回什麼(收穫)。由靈性的觀點看，大方的人期望收穫的是什麼?