

**GIVING**

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

This discussion is based on the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship study “Stand Firm”, available at https://leadmin.org/standfirm.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• What is a surprise or unexpected gift you have received in your life? Who gave it to you and how did it make you feel?

• What is act of generosity you have witnessed? Who gave to whom, and why was it memorable to you?

• How do you react when a church leader is caught up in financial scandal? How does this impact your life and giving?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. Instructions on giving to the church are being given in these verses. What do you notice in these instructions?

• Paul begins with “Now concerning…”, indicating he is addressing something he has previously talked about. He is collecting money in advance for Christians in Jerusalem. How can faith-centered leaders today plan ahead in their giving and generosity?

• Should leaders manage their giving as we also manage our bills and savings? Why should giving be included in our financial plans?

• When you hear the word *stewardship* in discussion today, what does that mean to you? How can a leader be a good steward?

• What is the faith-centered leader’s responsibility when it comes to supporting the Christian cause financially?

• How do you recognize a generous or giving person?



• Are you generous, and planning your giving, in accordance to the Bible? If not, what might you change this week in your financial planning and management?

• Do you overspend, go into unwise debt, or have other aspects of your finances that indicate poor stewardship of your resources? Consider connecting with a financial advisor to begin managing your finances more wisely and for the long term.