



THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

2 Cor. 8:1-9 (p. 967)

Christmas meant...

The Lord Jesus Christ became poor

...and before he did this, he had been rich

He was rich in h e a v e n

He was poor on e a r t h

...so that by doing this, we might become rich

This isn't the prosperity gospel.

This is the generosity gospel.

It demonstrates and motivates...

Joyful generosity

Sacrificial generosity

Willing generosity

**Such generosity is not just a good thing,
it is a g o s p e l thing.**

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. When did Jesus become poor, and when before this was he rich? Review Philippians 2:5-8 and talk about how he was rich and then became poor.
3. How does the gospel demonstrate and motivate joyful, sacrificial and willing generosity? Look at 2 Cor. 8:1-5 as you answer. Also, how do we know Christ didn't come to make Christians materially but spiritually rich? See 2 Cor. 6:10 and 2 Cor. 8:1-2
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?