



Sermon Study Guide for November 14, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: God provides us with all that we need to sustain this body and life. We look to God's provision for both physical and spiritual needs, knowing that they are all ultimately met in Jesus.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. God surely does provide for all of our needs of body and soul. What are some ways that God has blessed you this week?
2. As God blesses us and provides for our body and soul, we still face hardships in this life. What are some ways that you have been challenged this week?

In the Word: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

3. As we continue to study through this section of 2 Corinthians, we move to the second section. "...So that in all things at all times, having all that you need..." What is your initial reaction to this section of our theme verse?
4. So that in ALL things at ALL times, having ALL that you need. Paul in this section uses the word 'all' three times in just this middle part of verse 8. When we think of the word all, what does that cover? An easy question, right? So why does Paul make this such and emphasis?
5. In another translation (ESV) of this verse it reads, "so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times..." When we think of the blessings that God has given us being sufficient, how does that change the idea of the verse? What does it mean for the gifts of God to be sufficient for the people of Corinth, and also for us?

6. **Read Luke 21:1-4** Jesus is at the temple, and he sees the rich putting their gifts in. He then sees a poor widow put in two small coins. Jesus doesn't chastise the woman, but praises her. What is the difference in the gifts that the rich give, and the gift of the widow? (Not just the difference in the amount that they give)

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

7. Remembering the section from 2 Corinthians 9:8, how does that help us think of what God has given us? Whether we think of "all" or "sufficiency" what does that show for how God provides? How have we maybe taken for granted that which God provides for us in body and soul?
8. Thinking of being of stewards of what God has given us, what are different ways that we can, like the widow, give our all? Maybe it isn't necessarily monetarily, but what other ways can you use your talents and abilities that God has given you to serve Him and His people?
9. In our world of individualism, our fast-paced, all-about-me society, where we look around, and on social media, or in the news, or even around us in our communities, there is a need to have the newest and best this or that, or the most expensive car, or the biggest house, and the list goes on and on. How can we, in light of how God provides for us, and how he has given us sufficiently, stay away from that, and more than that, show how God cares and provides for us?

Prayer: Thank God for everything He has given you. He has blessed you abundantly, and with all that you need for your body and soul. Thank God that he has blessed you, in all things, at all times, giving you all that you need, and ask Him to help you to find ways to bless those around you. Ask God to continue to guide you and to help you see how you can, as the widow did, give all that you have to God. Finally, pray that God would guide you, and give you wisdom as you live for Him, and share His love and joy with others through your talents and abilities.

Next Week: As we finish our series, we look to the end of 2 Corinthians 9:8, and read, "you will abound in every good work." What does that mean? What does it mean for us to do Good Works in the eyes of God? Only through Christ, who lives in us, are we able to do the works that God has laid out for us. The good works that we do aren't to satisfy our relationship with God, but to help our neighbor.