

# WE ARE FAMILY

## Session 7



### ‘Family Finances’

#### Thinking about giving for the first time?

If you would like to start giving for the first time, here are a few principles to think about:

- Choose a date within the month that works best for your situation and set up your giving for that day.
- Choose a portion of your income as your offering to God. Biblically the tithe (10%) was seen as specifically belonging to God and this is what they gave. For many in our church today we use this same principle, giving the first 10% of our monthly income to Hazlemere Church. This may seem like a huge step but do pick a percentage that is both reasonable and stretches your faith.

#### UP: Introduction

- If you were suddenly given £10,000 - what would be the first thing you'd do with it?
- What does the word 'money' conjure up for you?
- Where have you seen God move in the area of money (either in your life in the lives of others)?

#### IN: Explore

In this passage, Paul is encouraging the Corinthian church to follow through on their promise to gather a collection - a generous financial gift for the suffering Christians in Jerusalem. They were giving to enable the wider church family to flourish.

READING : 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What do you notice in yourself as you read this passage? What does this tell you about yourself?
- What could you do to respond this week?

#### OUT: Impact

Here are three questions you might like to ponder over this week:

- How can I stretch my faith in this area?
- If I have never given to church before, is there anything holding me back? How might I start?
- If I am a regular giver, is it time to review my giving again?