



EST. **NORTHVIEW** 1980  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**“Jehovah Jireh” - Part 4 East + Central Abbotsford – May 24/25, 2025**

A simple framework to facilitate a spiritual conversation  
to help you and your group be **deeply rooted followers of Jesus.**

**THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS ARE A COMPANION TO A “TOPICAL” WEEKEND SERMON SERIES.**

From September to April, our Community Group Guides primarily feature a brief study of the *biblical* text used in the weekend sermon. For the next several weeks, we’re looking more at *biblical themes* covered in the weekend message. Enjoy!

**Note from Pastor Mark:**

*“The big idea that I hope we can/will communicate in this series of messages is that God can be trusted to take care of the needs of His children. It is HE - who is ultimately our supply, our keeper, and the financial manager of our lives. We can indeed trust Him! That trust will be tested when we are asked to actually put it into practice - specifically - when we are asked to give away the key “thing” we look to for security here and now - Money! But the blessings of God to the generous person are abundantly clear in both the OT & NT.*

*I am hoping that our congregation will have a deeper trust and confidence and joy in serving the LORD through our time, talents, and treasures as a result of these five weeks.*

*I am praying that this series will carry a tone of encouragement and trust - not a guilt-inducing - but a hope-building that God can be trusted - and therefore we are free to be generous people, living generous gospel-infused lives!”*

**GETTING STARTED:** Has someone's generosity ever met a specific need/deficit you had? Or have you ever been able to help someone with your generosity? Share testimonies of generous giving and its impact!

## **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15**

- vv. **1–5** – What do you observe of the Macedonian Christians?
- vv. **6–8** – Call to give: What is Paul and Titus' intention? Note what Corinth is excelling at and where there is a lack?
- v. **9** – How did Jesus provide the basis for Paul's commands?
- vv. **10–12** – What is Paul trying to move them to?
  - It might be helpful to read how *The Message* version paraphrases these verses.
- vv. **13–15** – If rich and poor give according to their means & share what they can, what happens? (v.15)
  - Think along these lines: The rich's surplus meets the poor's deficit—abundance now meets others' needs and no one lacks.

## **NOW WHAT?**

- Take a further look at **Acts 2:44–45** and **Acts 4:32–35**, and compare it to **Ecclesiastes 5:8-20**.
  - What would have motivated the early church to live like that? What does Qohelet (the preacher in Ecclesiastes) observe in the world?
  - Dig deep into this question: Do you think our giving speaks about our faith? Why or why not?
  - Be vulnerable with each other and share your thoughts on personal giving and the church!
- Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you from the weekend message?
  - What is an *insight* you got from the text/teaching?
    - Something new you learned? A new way of thinking about life or faith?
    - A fresh biblical reminder that you appreciated?
  - What is a *question* you're wondering about from the text/teaching?
    - Is there anything you want further explanation on?
    - Is there anything you don't currently agree with or are confused by?
  - What is an *action* you think you (or us as a group) should take?
    - Where might God be asking you to apply what he says/what was taught?
    - When and how would you apply it?
- Pray for our church family, that God will stir willing and generous hearts among us and be able to advance the gospel to an even greater degree in our city and across our nation.
  - Please pray as a group for our ALL IN capital campaign. Our hope is that everyone who calls Northview their "church home" will join us in giving to this project. As Pastor Darcy says, "It's not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice."