

## WHY DO WE TALK ABOUT GIVING?

Giving is not a break from worship, but a continuation of it. We recognize that giving financially is an act of stewardship (understanding that we are responsible for what God has entrusted us with), an act of worship (orienting our attention and affection toward Him), and an act of discipleship (trusting God to care for us while we use our resources for the benefit of our neighbors).

Jesus says in Luke 12:34 that, “where you treasure is, there your heart will also be.” By giving, we surrender ourselves to the will of God and trust that he will care for us. Further, by giving, we join together in carrying on Jesus’ work in the world and can do far more than we could as individuals. We worship through giving, and through giving, the Holy Spirit forms us.

Scripture to consider: Luke 12:32-34; 1 John 4:7-12; 2 Corinthians 9:5-8.

