

MOSES: A leader's dependence
Exodus 16

One lesson that we learned from the text and manna story is that God gives to us everything we need and have.

Do you think most Christians regularly see their jobs, abilities, money, homes, education, etc. as all being gifts from God?

Which attitude do you think is more common among Christians when considering what they have or have accomplished: (i) look how successful I have been or (ii) look how gracious God has been?

This text and sermon had applications about biblical principles regarding giving to a local church.

What perspective or response do you think unchurched people/non-Christians have when they hear churches talk about giving?

Do you think churches should talk about giving? In your experience, do churches talk about giving too much or too little?

One text, discussed in the sermon, that addresses New Testament giving principles for Christians, was I Corinthians 16:1-2. Reread those verses as a group.

We see that in the early church, the people's giving was linked with their worship, as it occurred on the day that they gathered for worship.

What do you think is the connection between giving and worship? How does what we worship impact what we give to? How does what we give to show what we really value?

Are you surprised to learn that Calvary does not receive any outside funds but that all of its money for ministry comes from those who attend Calvary?

Do you agree that giving is a biblical principle?

Do you think that most Christians give to their local church? If not, what do you think keeps people from giving?

What, if anything, challenged you from the text or sermon in terms of giving and using God's gifts to us in the way that God wants?