

Home Group Notes
Week of March 17, 2024
Debt Free Trinity Campaign
“God’s Goodnews in our Giving”



A SPECIAL FOCUS

This week has a special focus. We are beginning a campaign to eliminate all debt at Trinity Church. There are two loans that we have carried for a while. One loan began when the city of Redlands required us to construct an additional parking lot and water percolation system on the west side of our campus. The second debt was incurred when we installed a large solar system. Our goal is to help our church family understand the loans and how we can trust God together to eliminate the debt.

LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD

If you haven’t yet, it would be helpful to watch the video of the service through our website. The following are the key points of the message. (In addition, there was a “Scripture parade” in the service. Those are listed on the following page.) For each of the key points, read through the lead passage and consider the questions.

- 1) “God is a Giving God.”
What and how does God give to us according to 1 Corinthians 15:57?

- 2) “God wants us to be like him.”
Ephesians 5:1-2 is an amazing promise and calling of God. What are your responses?

- 3) “God knows that what we “treasure” will always captivate our hearts.” What do we learn about God and ourselves from Matthew 6:19 -34?

- 4) “God often responds to our needs according to the level of our giving.” What are the principles and promises in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Pastor Doug Baker wrote the following questions to spur on our discussion this week.

1. What are the most common fears or responses people have when asked by Christian leaders to consider giving more of their income to God?

2. In reflecting back over the time you have known God, what are some of the “gifts” that He has given you? How have those moments made you feel? What difference have God’s gifts made in your life?

3. When Jesus told his followers that he wanted them to be like him (cf Luke 6:40) and when God's word calls Christians to be like Jesus (cuff Eph 5:1-2, 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6), are there any aspects of life that this instruction would not include? What are some of the more common areas that Christians find it challenging or undesirable to be like Jesus?

4. What does it mean when Jesus cautions us "*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...you cannot serve both God and money*"? (Mt 6:21-24, Luke 12:2-34). How might this apply in your life?

5. What are some ways you could "give" more of your life and resources to God? How would you need God to respond to those gifts?

SCRIPTURE PARADE

Matthew 6:20-24

Luke 12:15, 21, 48; 16:10; 18:27

Psalms 62:10

Ecclesiastes 5:10

1Corinthians 16:2

Matthew 6:3-4; 10:8

Acts 20:35

Proverbs 3:9

Romans 12:6

Proverbs 22:7

1 Timothy 6:10

Colossians 3:5

2 Corinthians 9:7

Hebrews 13:5

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

We are beginning a campaign to teach us about how the character of God and that He wants us to trust Him for our needs. Reread the Scriptures and ask God to help you learn of Him.

PRAY

- Pray for our invitations to people for Resurrection Sunday (March 31)
- Pray for our family to team-up in unity as we love and serve our community
- Pray for friends suffering including our global partners