

Six members of the Stewardship Committee met for a series of Bible studies on the different ways that Jesus calls us to a life of generosity towards God and one another. Since there is a "no one size fits all" in these Biblical encounters, we found our discussions wreslting with the questions listed with the readings. We hope that these will give you food for thought about how you understand stewardship and why we, as disciples of Jesus, give "to the glory of God, in service of God's Church."

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Questions For Reflection:

How is giving to the church part of your relationship with God?

Why does Zacchaeus decide to give to the poor and those he has cheated?

Does Jesus dictate the terms that Zacchaeus offered?

Are the "terms" of and reasons for your family's giving to Christ Church a discussion in your household every year?

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