

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 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'"

Questions For Reflection:

Why do we save "ample goods?" Is it greed?

How can we be "rich towards God?"

Is giving money to Christ Church part of your discipleship? Is it giving treasure to God?

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