

08-07-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Human sinfulness encourages us to believe that giving, instead of taking, will lead to destitution, deprivation, and desperation. The gospel promises, however, that giving from all we have will make us mindful of the God of blessing, and ready to receive the gifts that God offers.”

- Audrey West



Luke 12:32-40

Questions for Reflection —

- Where does your heart lie? About what are you most passionate? What activities occupy the most of your time? What do your answers reveal about your priorities and ultimate concerns? Is there something about those priorities which God might be calling you to change? What do the programs and ministries of our congregation say about where our collective heart lies?

- What does it mean in your life to allow God’s kin-dom values to be manifest in your heart, mind, and actions? How do you enact compassion and mercy for those in need? What worldly distractions keep you from living into God’s priorities? With what has God entrusted you individually and our congregation collectively? What does it look like for you/us to give from all we have? How can you/we better utilize resources to promote God’s kin-dom agenda of peace and justice for all?

- In the past where/when/how has God provided for you in a time of crisis or need? What fears and anxieties about your individual future are you presently carrying? What will help you to trust in God’s on-going care and provision as you face an unknown or uncertain future? What are your concerns about the future for our congregation? What will give you confidence in God’s future for us? How do we trust the new thing God might be doing among us and through us?

Daily Household Prayer

God of mercy and love, thank you for calling us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.