



Vision & Giving Pt. 2 – Theology of Stewardship

In today's session we will spend some time thinking about Stewardship theologically, what does the Bible have to say to us about how we steward?

PRAY: Start with a time of prayer and worship.

REFLECT/ACTIVITY: Discuss, do you think God is concerned with how we steward our resources? How has stewardship been talked about in your past, have you had any positive/negative experiences you would like to share?

READ: Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 out loud. As you listen to this passage, notice what strikes you - a word, a phrase, an image, or a feeling. Feel free to share.

WATCH:

Click the link to watch Jude and Jerome talk about Stewardship: <https://bit.ly/3H6arOq>

DISCUSS:

Here are some discussion questions for you if they are helpful,

- What strikes you from the video and from the reading?
- How does this passage challenge you?
- What do you think of the generosity of the Macedonian church? (ch8:1-5) Is it realistic?
- How do you think generosity sits within discipleship? (ch8:7)
- Verse 8 notes that being generous 'is not a command', how does this sit with you?
- Consider verse 15, do you think this text is realistic? how can you envisage that playing out in our church life together?
- Consider 2 Cor 9:7, how do you think we can embody cheerful/hilarious giving?
- Some other texts that might be helpful
 - o 2 Cor 9:6-9, Paul noting to make up our own minds about giving
 - o Matthew 25:14-30, Parable of the talents

PRAY:

Share prayer requests and close by praying for one another.