

SERMON SERIES: 52

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Sermon Title:

“One Offering”

Introduction

This week as we continue on in our For EveryONE campaign, we look into the heart of Jesus behind generosity. Jesus taught more about money and possessions than any other topic. Because of this, we must try to look at our earthly possessions through the eyes of Jesus, and reflect on what truly matters.

- Share an example of a time when you felt led to give sacrificially, whether it was your time, talents, or resources. What was the outcome? How did it impact your faith journey? How did it impact those around you?

Seek the Word

- Read Matthew 6:19-24. Jesus emphasizes the concept of storing up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. How does this teaching challenge our perspectives on wealth, possessions, and priorities?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. Paul highlights the Macedonian churches' extraordinary generosity despite facing severe trials and extreme poverty. How does this example inspire or challenge you when it comes to your own attitude toward giving and generosity?

Go Deeper

Read Acts 2:42-47. The early Church is described as a community that shared everything, cared for one another, and experienced great unity. How does this passage align with the theme of giving together to impact lives? How can the Church today be generous in a way that meets all of the needs of the community around us?

Talk About It

- In light of the discussion on putting our money in things that are eternal, take a moment to evaluate your current priorities and investments. What adjustments can you make to ensure your focus is on eternal values rather than temporary possessions?
- How can you challenge yourself to be a cheerful giver? Reflect on the joy that comes from contributing to God's kingdom work and discuss how you can cultivate a spirit of generosity in your daily life.

Wrap Up

Reminder: Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

Challenge: This week, spend time everyday praying this prayer from Sunday's message. God what do you want to give through me/us? Be in prayerful consideration leading up to next Sunday as to what it looks like for you to be a part of the Church in this way. Pray over the people that your contribution will impact.