

Re-Storied in Giving

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Discussion Questions

1. How do you tend to react when you hear the message on a Sunday or Wednesday is about giving financially? Is it frustrating, a necessary evil, something you are eager to hear?
2. What kind of tension do you feel in your heart about being asked to give? Do you wonder, “When is enough, enough?” Do you feel guilt or anger? Are you indifferent?
3. Read Genesis 4:2-7. Why do you think God doesn’t quantify what was insufficient about Cain’s offering? Why does God make the point about Cain’s vulnerability to sin?
4. As a group, describe the connection between giving, sin, and worship.
5. How does the story of Cain and Abel picture the origin of two different story lines? How can it be helpful to reflect on the differences the Bible reveals about the two lineages?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Respond to this statement: “How much we give and the motivation behind our giving are key indicators of whether we trust God or trust ourselves.” Explain why you agree or disagree.
7. Describe some ways our culture preaches the message of materialism / consumerism. What ways have you bought into our culture’s storyline?
8. How do the practical ways we struggle to trust God reveal our need for the gospel? In light of God’s counsel to Cain, (Genesis 4:6-7) why is important to acknowledge our “worldliness” and allow God into our struggle?
9. How does the gospel of Jesus transform our hearts when it comes to money and giving?
10. Put the discussion about giving in the context of the gospel grid. God is our Father who has adopted us into his family. We are brothers and sister who love and serve one another.
How does giving financially demonstrate not only that we trust God but that we trust the people of his church? How has God used his people’s offerings and sacrifices to care for his people in practical ways?