

GOSPEL PATRONS

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

READ - Make observations about the text as you read.
· Read Luke 8:1-3 and 3 John 5-8, considering what the Holy Spirit intends to communicate to us.

EXAMINE - Determine what the texts means.
· What does Luke 8:1-3 teach about how Jesus' ministry was funded? Why might it have been structured this way?

· What does Luke 8:1-3 teach about the relationship between wealth and discipleship?

· How would you define the term "gospel patron"? Are all Christians gospel patrons? Why or why not?

· What does 3 John 5-8 teach about the relationship between mission and money? How should Christians think about their finances?

APPLY - Discern how you might apply the text individually and communally.
· What are various ways to fund the mission of God? Is any way better than the others? Why or why not?

· What might it look like for you to provide "out of your means"?

· How do these passages challenge and expand your view of participating in God's mission?

· What step can you take this month to be more intentional about financially supporting gospel ministry?

· How is generosity key to a Christian's formation? What happens over time to a generous Christian? What happens over time to an ungenerous Christian?

PRAY - Talk with God in response to this text.
· Share prayer requests with your group and pray for one another.

· Praise God, confess sin, and make requests in light of the text.