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For nearly 30 years, it has been Christchurch Newport's practice and privilege to take up a mission offering to support churches, pastors and planters across globe. On Sunday April 21, we'll do so again.

Ahead of this 'giving Sunday', Lewis Roderick take us to Philippians 4: 10-20 and preaches four reasons why we give to mission.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- How do you feel when you hear sermons on money? Of the four reasons Lewis gave for giving, which stood out? *Why?*
- Gospel *Koinonēo* / partnership always involves financial support, but there's more to it than this too. Paul participated in person, but also prayed for the churches he was connected to (you might say partnership = people, praying and pennies!). Whether alone or with your community group, spend some time praying for [Sam Wilkins at Gorgie](#) and [Bilge in Istanbul](#).
- In his message, Lewis spoke of how true Christian giving must resemble Christ and so "bring an element of suffering into our lives." How do you feel about this? How does v.19 bring us confidence as we walk this way?
- In what way have you been stirred to respond to this message? The obvious answer might be 'through financial commitment', but maybe you've been stirred to consider participating in mission yourself too. Don't ignore this! Speak to one of your pastors and ask the Lord to deepen your faith for emptying yourself so that the world may be filled with the glory of the Lord.