

WELCOME

February 14, 2010

Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES

'The Heart of Giving'

Worshipful Purposeful Cheerful

This week's message:

The Heart of Giving

Luke 18:18-30

Our Biblical Principle of Giving: With a worshipful and purposeful heart, every follower of Jesus Christ should consistently give a proportion of our income to the local church to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lessons from a rich young ruler: (also see Mark 10:17-30; Matt 19:16-29)

- He came sincerely **SEEKING** to be taught by Jesus.
- He was aware something was **MISSING**.
- He chose to walk away **SAD** rather than follow Christ.

A few questions for our hearts:

- ▶ **Am I ATTACHED to things in this world?**
(Eccl. 5:10-12; Ezek. 28:4-5; Luke 12:15; 16:13; 1 Tim. 6:7-11)
- ▶ **Am I DETACHING myself from these things in order to pursue greater ATTACHMENT to God?**
(Ezek. 36:24-31; John 3:5-6; Gal. 2:20; Matt. 6:33; Malachi 3:10)

Two continual questions:

- ▶ *Do you trust in God?*
- ▶ *Do you trust in God's plan?*
- ▶ **Am I using my "WEALTH" most EFFECTIVELY?**
(Matt 25:21; Rom. 12:6-8; Matt. 6:19-21; Matt. 16:27; 2 Pet 3:10-11)

You can find all of Discovery's sermon audio and notes on our webpage. Subscribe to our podcast at www.discoverychristianchurch.org/sermons

MORE NOTES: _____

For Further Thought and Study...

This week review the enclosed brochure, "What the Bible Teaches About Giving," and reflect on the included Scriptures.

Read 1 Timothy 6:7-12. What are your goals for life? What does your life show that you are pursuing?

Is there anything in your life that you consider "untouchable" – that you would not be willing to give to God today?

How can you use what you have – finances, time, abilities - to more effectively serve Christ?



Are you connecting?

Community Groups are people from the church that get together weekly in our homes, restaurants, coffee shops or parks to pray and study the Bible, to share life and support one another. Life is hard. It was never meant to be lived in isolation. Community is a gift of God intended to help us see and experience the good news of Jesus in profound and tangible ways. Your Community will help YOU experience Christ in your everyday life!

Connecting is easy. Simply check "Community Groups" on your **Connection Card** and place it in this morning's offering bag. We're here for YOU! For more information visit www.discoverychristianchurch.org