



Journey to Generosity

The Way of Jesus

Matthew 9:35-10:23

STEWARDSHIP IS LOVING GOD AND LOVING NEIGHBOR

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Matthew 22: 34-46

God gives us such great gifts. How do we respond? According to Christian theology, we become stewards. A steward is a person who manages resources. As stewards of God, we manage or try to manage our resources so that they serve God’s purposes to make the church and the world more like the communities God wants them to be.

Our text for today gives us a short and memorable understanding of the purpose of stewardship as you will find in the Bible. Given what God is doing to help increase the presence of love, peace, justice, and abundance in the world, how should we respond? The Jesus of Matthew says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

What is stewardship? Loving God and loving neighbor. We have an opportunity to make commitments — both material and symbolic — to help this congregation love God and love neighbor in the days, weeks, months, and year ahead. Let’s be generous!