

VISION DISCUSSION GUIDE – GENEROUS GIVING

On Vision Sunday, we heard that;

WE WILL BE A CHURCH THAT VALUES GENEROUS GIVING

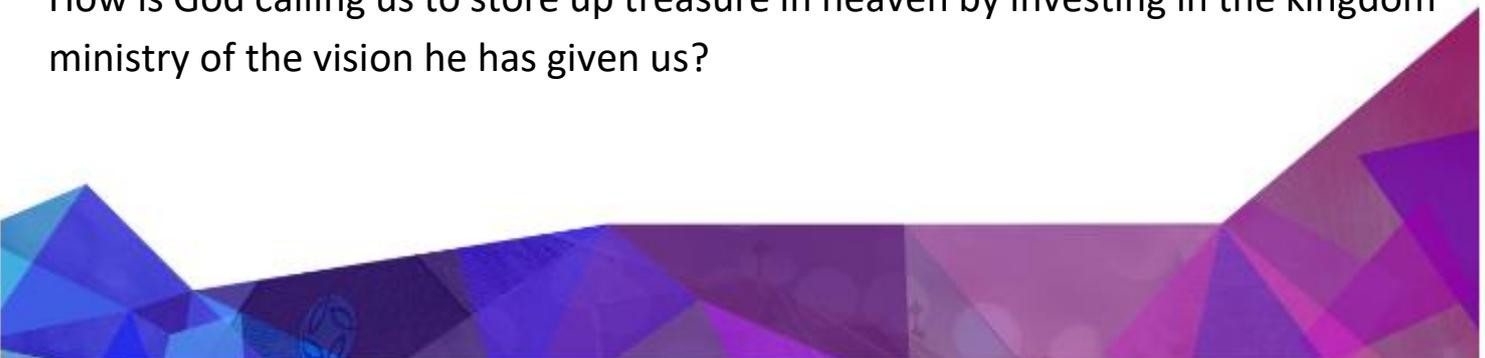
**LOVING FAMILY
EXPECTANT PRAYER
GENEROUS GIVING
HUMBLE SERVICE
COURAGEOUS MISSION
DETERMINED DISCIPLESHIP
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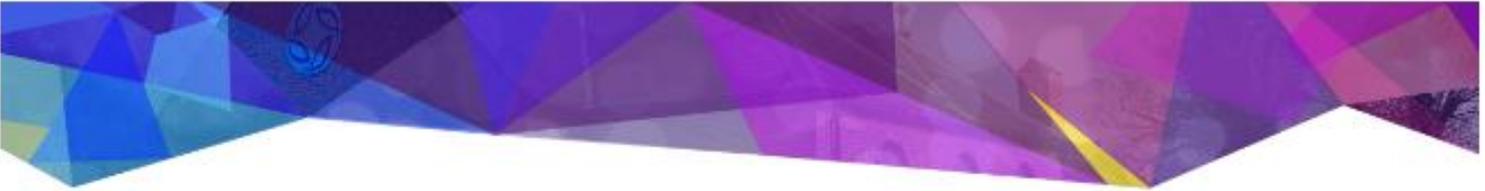
JESUS SAID ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

IF WE ARE TO LIVE OUT THE VISION GOD HAS GIVEN US, WE WILL NEED TO LEARN TO BECOME A MORE GENEROUS CHURCH IN EVERY SENSE.

The bible is clear, the whole earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. All the wealth and possessions we enjoy in our lives are a blessing from God that we are called to be steward wisely. God is generous and we give back to him out of what he has first given us.

How is God calling us to store up treasure in heaven by investing in the kingdom ministry of the vision he has given us?





At St Peter's if we are to live out the mission God has given us, we will need to become a more generous church. We will need to be generous in every sense of the word, including with our time and finances.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Can you share a story of when someone has been generous to you and the impact that display of generosity had in your life?

Can you share a story of when you have been generous? How did this make you feel?

Many people find it uncomfortable to talk about finances. Why do you think, in our culture, we tend to find it difficult to talk about money?

Jesus was not uncomfortable to teach on money, wealth and possessions. What do we learn from the teachings of Jesus about these issues?

How generous do you think we are as a church family?
(Danny would like to thank everyone for their generosity!!!)

When Danny taught on giving, he emphasised the principle of tithing (giving one tenth). What do you think of this principle? Do you agree that scripture clearly teaches the principle of tithing?

(Danny's sermon is available on YouTube if you missed it or would like to watch it again!)
If you're not already tithing, is this something you would like to move towards as you grow as a disciple?

How generous do you think you are?

Do you find it easy or difficult to be generous? Why do you think this is?

How can you give generously towards the vision God has given St Peter's?

