

*In an effort to help us learn to read the Bible as individuals, families, and a Church, I invite you to read each of the following this week, perhaps first thing in the morning individually and then collectively at dinner. The verses listed in the middle column are designed for youth to adult disciples, but some of these might be difficult for children to understand, so we include an alternate reading for families with children.*

*Basic Tips: 1.) Use a translation you can understand. If new to the Bible, try the NIV or The Message, which are both available online. 2.) Use a kids Bible with kids. 3.) Keep a pencil and notebook around to write down questions, observations, and conclusions. 4.) Have fun. Use your imagination and your brain.*

## Week 7 – Feb 15 – 21

### I AM CALLED TO GIVE.

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21, Luke 12:34)*

Day 1	<b>Matt 6:19-24</b>	
Day 2	<b>Luke 12:22-26</b>	
Day 3	Luke 12:27-34	
Day 4	2 Cor 9:7-8	Luke 21:1-4
Day 5	Luke 11:42	Luke 8:1-3

### Questions to Guide You:

1. What does this story teach us about Jesus? the Father? the Spirit?
2. What does this story teach us about followers of Jesus? People who reject Jesus?
3. Is there a command to obey or an example to follow? Is there a bad example to avoid?
4. What lies, truths, or circumstances cause people to live these ways?
5. What would my life, my relationships, my work, my school look like if I believed and obeyed this Jesus teaching?
6. What practical thing can I do different this week to better imitate and obey Jesus with regards to my marriage, my family, my friends, my work, and my neighbors?

### Summary Declaration:

God does not need our money, but he wants our hearts.<sup>i</sup> I cannot buy salvation, but I do not need to, because Jesus paid it all to ransom me.<sup>ii</sup> For this reason, I give from gratitude instead of obligation.<sup>iii</sup> As an act of worship, I will give time, energy, resources, and money to God’s Church and those in need, so that God can retrain my heart to value the right things in the right proportion.<sup>iv</sup> Jesus lived this way, and so will I.<sup>v</sup> *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).*

<sup>i</sup> Psalm 50; Mark 12:16-17; Matt 23:23; Luke 11:42; Matt 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; 2 Cor 9:7-8

<sup>ii</sup> Matt 20:28; Mark 10:45; 1 Tim 2:6; Heb 9:15; Rev 5:9

<sup>iii</sup> 2 Cor 9:11-15

<sup>iv</sup> Mark 12:41-44; Acts 3:6; Acts 4:32-36; 1 Cor 16:1-2; James 1:27

<sup>v</sup> John 13:29; Matt 14:16; Mark 6:37; Luke 9:13