



Small Group Study Guide for February 17th, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: This week we continue our Epiphany Sermon Series theme “The Way We Worship” with the next topic, “Bring an Offering.” Why do we bring an offering to God during the worship service? We’ve talked a lot about the gifts God gives to us and the proper response that we have. Offering is where we stretch our hands out to assist God’s church and our fellow people in response to God stretching His arms out to save us.

Getting Started:

1. What’s the best gift you ever received?
2. How has God blessed you through your own generosity?
3. Which do you think is more influential to how special a gift is: What the gift is, or the person who gave it?

In the Word: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1. Why do you think God asked the people to give to him the first things that came up from the ground? (v. 2)
2. In vv. 5-9, the people are given a script to recite when they bring their first-fruits. Why do you think they are told to recount that story?

Read Luke 16:10-15

3. What do you think Jesus is trying to say in vv.10-12?

4. How does a person who is “mastered” by money look different than a person who is “mastered” by God? (v.13)

5. What things do humans look at as good in today’s culture that God despises? (v.15)

Worship Connection

6. What parallels do you see between Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and the way that we do Offering in our church service?

7. Why do you think we do Offering during worship, rather than simply having people give on their own time or after service?

Prayer: Thank God for the physical and spiritual gifts that God has given to you. Pray for the church at large, that it might be a manifestation of the stretching arm of God to people in need. Pray for your own heart to focus not on what’s yours, but what God has given to you.

Next Week: We continue our Epiphany series with the theme “Gathered Guests.” We come together as a holy family in the Worship service. Why do we come together? What does it mean when we come together, both to worship and the altar of the Lord’s Supper?