Week Four: Learning Generosity

Over the past few weeks, we have reflected on God's generosity, learned to trust God's provision, and considered what it means to be faithful stewards of God's gifts.

This week, we take another step: generosity is something we learn through practice.

Throughout the Old Testament, God gave Israel practices that helped shape their hearts. They offered the first fruits of their harvest, gave tithes to support worship and care for others, and left portions of their fields unharvested so those in need could gather food.

These practices were about more than giving. They reminded God's people that everything they had was first a gift from God. And each act of generosity was an opportunity to grow in gratitude and trust.

The same is true for us.

Generosity is not about paying dues or fulfilling an obligation. It is a spiritual practice that shapes our hearts. As we learn to give, we grow in gratitude, deepen our trust in God, and learn to hold our blessings more lightly.

Over time, generosity becomes more than something we do. It becomes part of who we are.

A Simple Practice

This week, look for one unexpected opportunity to practice generosity. At the end of the day, ask yourself: How did practicing generosity shape my heart today?

Growing Together: The Tree of Gratitude

Continue adding leaves to the Tree of Gratitude in the narthex. Take a moment to read what others have shared and notice how God's generosity is reflected in their experiences.

This week's question:
What is something someone did for you that you have never forgotten?

Continue the Conversation

Around the dinner table, on the way home from church, or over coffee, consider together: Who has taught us what generosity looks like?

Let us pray.

Gracious God, from whom every good gift comes, teach us to trust in your faithful provision. Meet us in our anxiety, deepen our contentment, and help us to rest in the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.