**Seven Matters of the Heart**

**[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. **Generosity at the heart of creation**

**Leader**: A seed is the heart of life Gen 1:12

**Reader***:* Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so.**12**……. And God saw that it was good.

**Leader**: When God blesses and divides something, it is not diminished Mark 6:41

**Reader***:* Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves…….and he divided the two fish among them all.**42**And all ate and were filled

**Leader**: When seeds ‘die’ they produce a harvest John 12: 24

**Reader***:* unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**ALL** *All things come from him*

*All things come through him*

*All things return to him* Rom 11:36

1. **Generosity at the heart of His plan for our provision**

**Leader**: God gave the seed as our food Gen 1: 29

**Reader***:* God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.**30**……... And it was so.

**Leader**: He gives seed for sowing and bread for food 2 Corinthians 9:10 Isaiah 54 :10

**Reader***:* He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

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1. **Generosity is Gods heart**

**Leader**: The mini gospel:

God so loved the world,

He gave His only Son John 3:16

**Reader***:* God is love.**9** God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**10** In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us 1 John 4:8

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1. **Generosity at the heart of His plan for the world**

**Leader**: We are called to bless 1 Peter 3: 9

* Do not repay evil for evil…...but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called….

**Leader**: Gods plan is to bless the whole world, through his family; Gen 22:18, Gal 3:8-9[[2]](#footnote-2).

**Reader**:I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore……**18** and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

**Leader**: ‘*You give them something to eat’* Mark 6:37

**Leader**: Paying for the healing and care of the world, in the Fathers name Luke 10:35-37

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1. **Generosity at the heart of family**

**Leader**: We are his children; we love because he loved us first

**Reader**: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11**Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. **19**We love[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+john+4&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-30605b)] because he first loved us. 1 John 4:10,11, 19

**Leader**: We can only give in this way, if we are ‘connected’ to Him

**Reader**: I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

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1. **Generosity at the heart of Thanksgiving (Eucharist)**

**Leader**: His body was broken but he is He is equally, fully, present everywhere. Let us go to Him and offer our sacrifices.

**Reader**: A sacrifice of praise, the fruit of our lips. A sacrifice of kindness that is pleasing to God Hebrews 13: 15-16

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1. **We Give our heart:**

**Leader**: Where Your treasure is, there your heart will be alsoMatthew 6:21

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1. ‘Sugarloaf Fields’ by Kath Little is used with permission. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Paul says this is the gospel, ‘good news’ [↑](#footnote-ref-2)