

Why do we do a Fall Focus Offering at Christ Community?

We believe that every person is created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27) and has been created to reflect that image to the world around them. On top of that, God has given Christians the specific task of being his ambassadors/representatives in this world (2 Cor. 5:20). As a result, we should seek to cultivate the characteristics and attributes that we see in God in our own lives. For ex. since God is loving we should seek to love in the way he loves, since God is kind we should seek to extend the same sort of kindness to the people around us, etc. One of the characteristics of God that is hard to miss is his generosity. The bible says that God creates us and sustains us. Out of the overflow of his generosity He gives us things to enjoy like friendship, the taste of food, and laughter. But the primary place we can see the loving generosity of God is in the sending of his son Jesus.

"For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." Romans 5:7-8, 10

What is so striking about that is God's generosity and love isn't reserved to those who deserve it. He extends his love and benevolence to his enemies. Our God is radically loving and generous and as a result we should seek live radically loving and generous lives. This includes everything: our time, energy, affections, and our resources. Our generosity shouldn't be reserved to a certain part of our lives.

The topic of Christian generosity can easily get long-winded but to put it simply the bible says our giving should be regular, cheerful, and sacrificial. Why? Because God regularly gives to us, gave to us in a way that was costly, and he enjoys to give gifts to his children. If we are going to model our generosity after the pattern God sets for us, not only should we be regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially giving but there should be seasons where the sacrifice is purposed and specific.

The way we want to live this out as a church family is to have certain seasons each year where we come together to pray and give toward accomplishing specific purposes. At Christ Community one of those seasons each year is in the fall.