



Part 2: Gifts

Our word 'Holiday' comes from the idea that there are holy days. They are set apart for something out of the ordinary. One of the things that holy days teach us is that people aren't ordinary either. How we celebrate says a lot about our perspective on the people around us.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 14:22-29, Luke 4:16-20

Bottom Line: Our worship of God must incorporate care for others.

Discussion Questions

1. Are there elements of your Christmas celebrations that you tend to emphasize more than others (like the food, spending time with family, gifts, parties, etc.)? What are your favourite things to incorporate into the holiday season?
2. Read Deuteronomy 14:22-29. Try to list out and describe the things that the people are commanded to do as part of their celebration. Who is supposed to be involved in their generosity and celebrations?
3. Why do you think God instructs the people to have a big feast when they bring their tithes? What role should celebration have in the life of people who are worshipping God?
4. What is the financial commitment that they are asked to make as part of the worshipping community? What are the different things that the money is supposed to be used for?
5. Is generously giving to God and His church a principle that you incorporate in your regular financial routines? What challenges come with this kind of generosity? What benefits do you think it brings to the giver and to the community?
6. There is an emphasis on giving to God and to providing for those in need. How do you those 2 ideas go together?
7. What is one commitment this month to respond to the principle of generosity? What is one thing that you can do to incorporate generosity into the regular routines of life going forward?

Moving Forward

As a church we are challenging one another to support our Be Rich Christmas Campaign to fund some building renovations, video equipment and feeding 50 kids through Food4Kids this year. Talk about ways that you can continue to challenge each other to pray and support this important campaign!