

Representing God

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Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
(Ps. 114:2)

WE RUB OUR EYES each Sunday morning and prepare to go to church. Those of us who are pastors look over our sermon notes, or brush up on the news to see whether there is anything we should include in **the morning's prayers**. Laypeople think of the service ahead, hoping that certain songs will be sung, wondering what texts will be preached, what nuggets of wisdom might be shared, or whether this is a Communion Sunday. This is the ordinary stuff of Sundays, the joyous rhythm and blessed routine of the people of God.

But we must never forget that the people of God are never just ordinary. The psalmist reminds us that **God's people are his sanctuary and his dominion**. In the New Testament, Peter reminded us that we are **"being built into a spiritual house"** (1 Pet. 2:5), a house where God the Holy Spirit lives. We are his people, those with whom God himself is pleased to dwell. Where we go, God goes. The things we say represent God to a waiting and hopeless world. The things we do represent God to a world in need of his presence.

In a very real sense, we house God and display him to the world. This honor is not to be taken lightly, but to be entered into with reverence, soberness, and deep reflection.

Pray that your local church will be God's sanctuary for the world.

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Sermon Notes:
Matthew 20:20-28

1. Giving starts with a _____

Matthew 4:18-22

Acts 2:42-47

2. Giving ought to require _____

Matthew 20:28

Mark 10:17-31

3. Giving leads to _____

Luke 19:1-10

4. Giving produces greater _____ is us

Acts 20:35

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives. When it comes to giving, what is your current attitude? If someone were to look over your financial records (bank statements, investments, etc.) would it be obvious to them that you are a disciple of Jesus? What of your time, talents and/or resources are you feeling led by the Holy Spirit to take a greater step of obedience in when it comes to giving?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following local schools:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table, also known as Communion.** We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.



FOCUS Youth Group Tonight

We hope to see you tonight 6:30-8 PM in the Upper Room!

**FOCUS Ministry Board
meeting reminder -
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
at 6:30 PM**



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