I LOVE MY CHURCH

LOVE BY GIVING

November 19th & 22nd, 2026

Acts 4:32–37

READ

Primary Scripture: Acts 4:32–37

Supporting Scripture: Acts 2:42–47 | 2 Corinthians 8:9 | 2 Corinthians 9:7 | Matthew 16:18

KEY POINTS

- Generosity Starts with Jesus – We don't give to earn God's love; we give because He loved us first. Jesus gave Himself for us, and His generosity becomes the foundation and example for how we give to others and His church

- See the Bigger Picture – Giving is more than meeting a church need or fulfilling an obligation. It is recognizing that everything we have comes from God. Intentionally investing in the Church creates opportunities for people to experience the love of Christ and receive salvation through Him.

- Take Ownership of the Mission – Someone invested their time, talents, and resources so you could experience the love of Jesus. Loving our church means moving beyond receiving from it and taking responsibility for carrying Jesus' mission forward.

- Make Room for the Next Person - What previous generations faithfully invested in has made it possible for us to experience Jesus today. Now it's our turn to invest in the next generation, creating opportunities for people we may never meet to hear the Gospel, find community, and experience the love of Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. Think about someone who helped you grow in your faith or made you feel welcomed into the church. What did their investment in your life mean to you, and who might God be calling you to invest in today

2. Acts 4 shows believers living with a shared purpose, recognizing that what they had could be used to meet the needs of others. Why do you think they chose to live this way, and what impact do you think their generosity had on the church and the people around them?

3. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that generosity should come from a willing heart, not obligation. When you consider how your giving can meet someone else's needs and reflect the love of Christ to them, how does that shape your view of generosity? How might choosing to give beyond your own comfort not only bless someone else but also transform your heart to become more like Jesus?

4. The sermon challenged us to move from being consumers of the church to becoming fully invested in its mission. As you reflect on your current heart posture, how are you living out your role in the church family? What would it look like for your life to be shaped by a deeper devotion to Christ's mission, using what God has given you to serve others and help more people experience Jesus?

5. Think about the next person who will walk through the doors of our church looking for hope, community, or answers. How might your willingness to give your time, talents, and resources help create an opportunity for them to encounter Jesus? What is one specific step you can take to help make room for them?

LIFE APPLICATION

- Remember Who Invested in You – Take time to thank God for the people who helped you experience Jesus and look for an opportunity to invest in someone else's faith.

- Make Generosity Intentional – Prayerfully evaluate your resources and establish a consistent plan to give to your local church. Let generosity become a regular part of your worship.

- Take Ownership – Take personal stake in the mission. Find a meaningful way to serve, participate, and contribute to the health of your church family.

- Make Room for Someone Else – Invite someone to church, invest in a relationship, or support a ministry that helps others encounter Jesus. Remember that your faithfulness today can impact someone's eternity.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for loving us first and giving us the greatest example of generosity through Jesus. Help us to see everything we have as an opportunity to serve You and bless others. Transform our hearts to move beyond simply receiving from the church and become fully invested in the mission You have given us. Give us willing and generous hearts, ready to give our time, talents, and resources so that others may experience the hope and love of Jesus. May we faithfully build on what others have invested in us and make room for the next generation to know You. Let our lives reflect the generosity of Christ and bring glory to Your name.

In Jesus' name, Amen.