Date: Feb. 9, 2025 Series: Use it Well: Stewarding God's Many Gifts Message: Stewarding Finances Well Scripture: Deut. 26:1-13

God has been richly generous to us:

We join Him in His generous work:

It's a journey:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion Deuteronomy 26:1-13

- 1. What has helped you grow in generosity and joy of giving? Was it an example of a friend or mentor? Reading Scripture? Life experience? Something else?
- 2. As you grew in generosity, what else did you notice changing in your life? Were any relationships influenced? Feelings of peace versus anxiety? More or less margin in your monthly budget? Something else?
- 3. In Matthew 6:24, Jesus instructs, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." Why do you believe He singles out "money" as a competing master to God-versus friendships, pleasing people, career success, fame, or something else? Is there something particular about money that can control us?
- 4. Why can the topic of "money" sometimes be such a touchy subject? What does our sensitivity to those conversations reveal to us—if anything?
- 5. In every area of our spiritual lives, God always has a "next step" for us. He wants better for us in the areas of prayer, fellowship, community involvement, love of Scripture...and finances. What do you believe could be your "next step" in regard to stewardship of finances?
- 6. As you reflect on the last six weeks of studying God's gifts of time, work, children, words, trials, and finances, what has God revealed to you? What do you want to change? How can this group support you in those changes in the weeks and months to come?