



Taking Worship Into Your Week

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Jesus has sent us an invitation in his Word; it reads, "Follow me." The choice, for a Christian, is to RSVP with a "yes," or a "no." In our second segment of our RSVP series, we will encounter a group of Christians in Corinth who heard that invitation and replied, "yes," in spite of the fact that their circumstances were extremely challenging. They were poor. They were unsure what the future held for them. Yet, with their RSVP, they revealed a faith that in spite of their challenges, their faithful giving would result in God receiving glory, and the hearts of those without faith would be moved by their generosity. Let's continue to get ready to RSVP to our Lord.

Read 2 Cor. 9:6-15

1. Read vs. 6 again, then turn to Luke 8:5 ff and consider the parable of the seed which was sown. What, in the parable, does the seed represent? In vs. 6 of our 2 Corinthians passage, what does the seed represent? Can the two, in effect, be the same thing? If so, what might that mean for us as we "sow and reap" in the mission of God?
2. What action on our part is called for in vs. 7? Under what conditions is it best taken? Look up Luke 12:13 ff and read the parable of the "Rich Fool." For what reason did Jesus criticize the action of the rich man?
3. Read vss. 8-11. List the assurances and the promises there.
 - For what reason will we be blessed?
 - In what ways are these misunderstood and misapplied – sometimes deceitfully – in the Church of our day?
4. Read vs. 11, note the word "enriched." This is the same word Paul used in 1 Cor. 1:4-9.
5. What is the most difficult part, for you, of hearing/reading a worship series about giving, in our day? Why is that the case? If you have any helpful suggestions to share with Pastor John, he invites them: jsproul@stlukeaa.org.