

What is The Collection?

- The Collection is the regular _____ of resources for _____.
1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- The Collection is the generous, joyful _____ of resources among _____.
Acts 2:42-5, 2 Corinthians 9:7
- The Collection is the _____ of resources to and through the _____.
Acts 4:34-35

Why do we collect when we gather?

- The Collection is part of how we _____ together.
Acts 4:32-35, 5:4
- The Collection how we use our _____ for its _____.
2 Corinthians 9:8-11, 8:12
- The Collection is an _____ we make to please _____ God.
Philippians 4:18, Hebrews 13:16

What does The Collection do?

- The Collection _____ the _____.
2 Corinthians 8:8-9, 2 Corinthians 9:11-12
- The Collection makes us _____ in the _____ we support.
Philippians 4:14-15; 1:5-7
- The Collection builds _____ in the _____.
Romans 15:25-27, 2 Corinthians 9:13-15

Conclusion

- The Collection is not a _____—it is an opportunity to _____ and _____ with each other.
- The Collection is not _____—it is the reason God gives us _____ in the first place.
- God uses our collection to _____ the _____.

Small Group Questions

1. GETTING STARTED:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Have you ever been part of a very generous family or social circle? What about a very stingy one? What did it feel like to be part of that group?

2. INTO THE BIBLE (READ ACTS 4:32-5:11)

- Why did the Christians in Jerusalem share what they had? Why did Barnabas sell his field?
- Why did Ananias and Sapphira lie about their gift to the church? What was their motive?
- In verse 2, the original Greek words say that Ananias “stole” or “embezzled” half the money. And yet Peter says in v. 4 that the money belonged to Ananias. How was he stealing his own money?
- God punished their lie severely. Why did God take this situation so seriously? What was at stake?

3. GOING DEEPER

- What does it mean to view all of our money as God’s money? How might that change the way you spend your money?
- If you had a budgeting meeting with God, what changes do you think he’d want to make?
- Giving to the church is only one way that we can use our wealth to build the kingdom. What are some other ways?

4. PRAYER

- Thank God for whatever wealth he has given you. Ask him to show you how best to use it.