



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Substance & Provision”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Wise disciples redeem the time, because time is a stewardship.
2. Wise stewards embrace His mission and message as their own.
3. The wisest followers are found nearest to the Lord, in His presence.
4. Wise disciples don’t just follow the Lord—they partner with Him through generosity.
5. The wisest of Jesus’ disciples learn the wisdom of His teaching: it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Key Verse:

“...and many others who provided for Him from their substance.”

— Luke 8:3

Discussion Questions:

1. Overlooked but Essential

Questions: Luke 8:1–3 is easy to skim past—yet Pastor Miles called it a “speed bump.” Why do you think Luke intentionally includes this brief snapshot of Jesus’ ministry supporters? What does this passage reveal about how God chooses to accomplish His work?

Further Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26–29, Zechariah 4:10

2. Movement, Not Idleness

Questions: Jesus is described as continually *moving*—from city to village—preaching the kingdom. What stood out to you about Jesus’ urgency and purposeful use of time? In what ways might *idleness* or distraction subtly creep into our spiritual lives today?

Further Reading: Ephesians 5:15–17, Psalm 90:12

3. Discipleship “On the Way”

Questions: Jesus discipled people simply by letting them *be with Him* as He lived out His mission. How does this challenge our modern ideas of discipleship (classes, programs, content)? Who are you currently “with” that is shaping your faith—for better or worse?

Practical Application: What would it look like this week to be more *intentionally present* with Jesus in everyday rhythms?

Further Reading: Mark 3:13–14, Acts 4:13

4. Substance & Stewardship

Questions: Luke highlights that these women supported Jesus “*from their substance*.” Why do you think Scripture ties generosity so closely to discipleship? What does the way we handle money, time, and resources reveal about our hearts?

Further Reading: Matthew 6:19–21, 1 Timothy 6:17–19

5. Partners, Not Spectators

Questions: Pastor Miles emphasized that these women weren’t just followers—they were **partners** in the mission. What’s the difference between *following* Jesus and *partnering* with Him? Where might God be inviting you to move from passive participation to active partnership?

Practical Application: Is there a tangible way (time, finances, skills) you could support God’s work this month?

6. “More Blessed to Give”

Question: Jesus’ ministry was sustained through generosity—and joy followed. Have you ever experienced joy or freedom through generosity? What was that like? What fears or hesitations most often hold us back from giving freely?

Further Reading: Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.