

Three-Week Program

This program focuses on discipleship, generosity, and gratitude, and uses a Letter of Invitation to every person.

Set yourself a modest goal, such as:

- Preaching on discipleship, generosity, and gratitude
- Inviting someone to tell their “Why I give” story to the congregation
- Writing two thank-you notes a week for two months
- Noticing when people do good things and making a habit of saying thank you to them

Date(s)	Description	Volunteer(s) Who will do What by When
	<p>Planning</p> <p>Worship Look at Liturgical Resources for ideas for preaching, hymns, prayers.</p> <p>Announce the Program A month or more before Sunday 1. Draft all communications at this time. Two weeks before Sunday 1, announce the Giving Our Thanks & Praise program: send a letter (template on p. 23). Announcement in your Sunday worship and bulletin, in a newsletter, etc. One of the Giving Team could share their “Why I give” story.</p>	
	<p>Invite: Letter of Invitation (pp. 42–48) Two weeks before Sunday 1, write the Letter of Invitation to include in the Inviting Every Person Package.</p>	

	<p>Inviting Every Person Package (pp. 47–53) Assemble a package for each person/ household to be handed out on Sunday 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Invitation: consider including a handwritten thank-you at the beginning or end of the letter. • Step Chart • PAR and other information • Intention card and reply envelope 	
	<p>Program Week 1 <i>Sunday 1 Worship Focus – Discipleship and the Life of Faith</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preach on personal stewardship of all that we have been given; following Jesus; the Baptismal Covenant / Marks of Mission. • Hand out the Inviting Every Person Package at worship. Deliver or mail those not picked up. • Highlight one program or ministry that is central to the life of your community. What is its impact? What difference does it make? • Publicly thank those who are leading or supporting that program or ministry. Be creative in your thanking—make it timely, personal, and sincere. 	

	<p>Program Week 2 <i>Sunday 2 Worship Focus –</i> <i>Living God’s Mission Locally</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the impact of an area of each of the following ministries: Outreach Pastoral care Learning and formation Worship • Invite a person to share the impact of that ministry in their life or the life of the community – within and beyond the church walls. • Preach on the impact of generosity – see worship and preaching resources area on website. • Remind people to return their response cards next Sunday. 	
	<p>Program Week 3 <i>Sunday 3 Worship Focus –</i> <i>Inviting Generosity and Modelling Gratitude</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the Sunday to preach about and model gratitude! • Receive the intention cards at the Offertory. • Celebrate! Dedicate and celebrate the intention cards as a symbol of people’s generosity. 	
	<p>Thanking, Wrap-Up, and Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank each giver personally, whether in person or through a thank-you note or card. • Debrief, do an evaluation, and plan for next time. 	