

## Giving Thanks and Thanks Giving

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Study Questions (pick the ones you want to look at. The last question can be one for further personal and devotional reflection.)

### *Giving Thanks*

1. If you were to rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10, overall how thankful do you think you are?

*Read Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 12:16-21*

2. In this story of the institution of the Offering of the Firstfruits (a harvest festival) how many times is reference made to God giving to the Israelites?
3. In the sermon three reasons were given for why many of us are less thankful than we could or should be. What are they? Do any of these reasons resonate with you?
4. In one sense addressing the third reason helps in dealing with all the reasons we are less thankful than we should be. How so?

### *Thanks Giving*

5. The point of our text in Deuteronomy is to respond generously to the generosity of God. Our parable also addresses this question. What does the parable say about giving to God?
6. How do we learn to become a thankful and generous giver to God?

### *Final Reflection*

7. Are there areas in my relationship with God where I am selfish and grasping? Can I name them to myself? In each of those areas what could generosity look like?