

Harvest is traditionally a season of gratitude! A time to thank God for the abundance of his gifts: food, community, friendship, and faith.

In both the Old and New Testaments, God's people are called to share what they have, to recognise that all good things come from God, and to trust his ongoing provision.

Yet, as Jesus reminds us (Matthew 6) our giving, fasting, and worship can become performative or seasonal. God calls us instead to cultivate a **lifestyle of gratitude and generosity**. Something genuine, unseen, and sustained beyond the harvest season.



Reading: Matthew 6:1–4, 16–21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
(v.19–21)

Discussion & Reflection

- What does Jesus warn against in this passage?
- How can our giving or good works become more about appearance than about worship?
- What might it look like to “store up treasures in heaven” in our daily lives?
- How can Harvest become not just a “seasonal thank you,” but a *habit of gratitude* that shapes our choices year-round?

Quote: “Generosity is the antidote to greed; it frees us from the fear of not having enough.”

Timothy Keller

Reading: Psalm 65

Keep the psalm open as you read and discuss together.

Structure of the Psalm

1. **Praise and Gratitude (vv.1–4):** Thanksgiving for answered prayer, forgiveness, and joy in God's presence.
2. **God's Power in Creation (vv.5–8):** Recognition of God's mighty acts and sustaining power.
3. **God's Provision (vv.9–13):** Celebration of His care for the earth and all living things.

Discussion Questions

- What do you personally praise God for?
(Answered prayers, forgiveness, friendship, belonging in a church family...)
- How do we show love for God through the way we treat creation?
- What difference does being a Christian make in our attitudes toward the environment, consumption, and stewardship?

Reflection Thought:

“Harvest is not only a celebration of what we have received, but a reminder to use God’s gifts wisely — in gratitude, generosity, and care for His creation.”

Closing Prayer

Invite each person to name one way they want to grow in generosity or care for creation.

Then pray together:

Prayer:

Lord of the Harvest, we thank you for your abundance: for food, friendship, and faith.
Teach us to give as freely as you give, to care for your creation, and to trust in your faithful provision each day.
May our gratitude grow into generosity, and our worship bear fruit in all we do.
Amen.