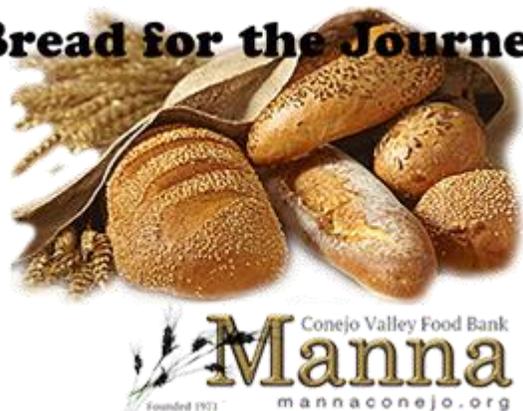


## Bread for the Journey



## Bread for the Journey @ Westminster Presbyterian Church Sermon Based Small Group Plan

May 7, 2017

Sermon Title: “*Bread for the Journey: Riches*”

Preaching: Pastor Charles Svendsen

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 &

John 6:51-58

**Open in Prayer:** O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Fellowship Question:** When did you begin giving financially to the church? Who influenced you to do so? When did Holy Communion become significant to you? What is your most memorable Lord’s Supper experience?

**Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:** (choose as needed)

Read Romans 15:25-27 (written either during or shortly after Paul had revisited Corinth) and 1 Corinthians 16:1 (written about a year earlier)

- What is the collection all about? What do we learn about the Macedonians about their giving?
- In light of the struggles in Corinth, why does Paul call attention to the Macedonian’s generosity?
- What are some principles about giving?
- What is it about Jesus’ example that prompts you to be generous?
- How does the equality principle help you decide your giving priorities?
- Is Paul commanding or advising the Corinthians to give?
- What does Jesus mean by saying that those who eat of the “living bread” will “live forever”?
- Why did these hearers find Jesus’ teaching so objectionable?
- What does Holy Communion symbolize? What are the other way we can “eat” and “drink” of Jesus?

**The Challenge:** To give with grateful hearts and to share the Lord’s Supper with joy.

**Prayer Options:** (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek God’s wisdom and guidance.
- Pray for WPC and our shut-ins who need prayer support.
- Pray for our community and our attention to the folks who need support and hope.
- Pray for the Miller’s transition to Santa Ana
- Prayer for those who have lost loved ones recently.

**Mission Encouragement for the spring:**

- Make plans to be a part of ACTION Serve Day on June 3.
- Take time in your day to do a simple act of service for someone else.

**Leader notes:**

- Remind your group that the WPC YouTube Channel has the sermon videos. Just go to the WPC website and click on the YOUTUBE logo button.
- Last Small Group Plan will be June 2