

Snack Club Devotion – March

Read: Matthew 6:1-6 Giving to the Needy

6 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Devotional Thoughts: We are now in the season of Lent, which begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. For many, this is a season of "almsgiving," of being intentional in reaching out to those in need. We do this in response to the somber reality of Ash Wednesday, which reminds us of our own mortality...bringing with it the very practical reminder that we cannot take all our earthly treasures with us when we gain eternal life. Take a moment and consider what you might be holding onto too tightly and what God is calling you to release and share with others. Perhaps it's your blessings, a show of mercy, or even forgiveness.

Pray: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.