

REAP Guide

Guides exist to help followers of Jesus understand and live out Scripture together.

Gospel Patrons – November 15, 2026

READ - *Make observations about the text as you read.*

Read Luke 8:1-3 and 3 John 5-8, considering what the Holy Spirit intends to communicate to us.

EXAMINE - *Determine what the texts means.*

- What does Luke 8:1-3 teach about how Jesus' ministry was funded? Why might it have been structured this way?
- What does Luke 8:1-3 teach about the relationship between wealth and discipleship?
- How would you define the term "gospel patron"? Are all Christians gospel patrons? Why or why not?
- What does 3 John 5-8 teach about the relationship between mission and money? How should Christians think about their finances?

APPLY - *Discern how you might apply the text individually and communally.*

- What are various ways to fund the mission of God? Is any way better than the others? Why or why not?
- What might it look like for you to provide "out of your means"?
- How do these passages challenge and expand your view of participating in God's mission?
- What step can you take this month to be more intentional about financially supporting gospel ministry?
- How is generosity key to a Christian's formation? What happens over time to a generous Christian? What happens over time to an ungenerous Christian?

PRAY - *Talk with God in response to this text.*

- Share prayer requests with your group and pray for one another.
- Praise God, confess sin, and make requests in light of the text.