

Currency

Week 3 of June

Worship

This is Amazing Grace - Key of A

What a Beautiful Name - Key of A

So Will I (100 Billion X) - Key of A

Topic

What is currency, and what does it represent? We know currency to be a form of money, an easier way to exchange goods and services without barter for your eggs, a pair of shoes, or a house. But there's a word in that statement I would like us to dwell on: exchange. When we buy something, we exchange a form of currency for that item. These days a form of money has replaced the original exchange, but what is the root of a transaction between one person and another? What is exchanged when we purchase, view, or interact with art?

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:16

“Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.”

Acts 4:32

Discuss

Question 1:

What is your preferred method of creating? It could be painting, singing, coding, cooking, etc. Name a few if you have more than one.

Question 2:

When you share your creation with others, what do you hope their reaction is? Can you think of a time that sticks out to you when you did share what you made?

Question 3:

Since we are made in the image of The Creator, how does identifying why we share our creation help us understand how to interact with God's creation?

Question 4:

What can you do this week to share your creations with the people around you, whether a stranger or a loved one?

Closing Thoughts

In our own discussions, we found joy in being the center of currency for Arts and Entertainment. When we share our creation with others, we want them to feel joy and feel joy ourselves when they enjoy what we've made! Whatever your group decided was exchanged with art; I think it's essential to keep that in mind. Why do you create? What is your motivation?

At our core, we were made to be creators in the image of The Creator. Knowing why we create is helpful for us to recognize how we interact with God's creation.

Prayer

Creator God, thank you for making us in your image as creators ourselves. I pray that You can inspire us this week to have the vision we need to create something new and share that with others. Help us identify why we create and give us that as the motivation for making new things. Thank you for your inspiration; it is in your name that we create and pray, amen.