

GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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“Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives.”

Sermon Recap

As we continue to explore our love languages, and remind ourselves that God also speaks our love languages, we discover the language of *Gift Giving*. Gift giving is a big part of our American culture, as it is in many cultures. Though our reasons for giving gifts change depending on the occasion, it is generally done for the sake of helping someone else know that they were being thought about. For some, though, gift giving is the way in which they show love and feel love. It should be no surprise, then, that God speaks this language, too! In Matthew’s Gospel, we’re reminded that God gives the *best* gifts! God gives us the gifts we need (even if it’s not what we’re wanting), and when we receive it, we not only feel loved – we feel fulfilled by God’s amazing grace.

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:7-11 (NRSV)

Applied to My Life:

Is “Gift Giving” your primary love language? If it is, you know how good it is to receive gifts from others – even to *give* gifts, yourself! Knowing that God also speaks your love language, how can you begin to identify the “gifts” God has given you? How might God be answering your prayer? Giving you grace? Etc. Finally, how can you express love to others who may have this love language of “gift giving?” especially if it’s not your primary love language.

Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: