

Discussion Guide

MADE: wk3 Money

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Big Idea

God is owner and you are manager.



Icebreaker

What is something you have won and how did you win it?



Discussion Questions

1. In his parables, Jesus warned us a lot about money & possessions becoming an idol. In fact, he talked more about such things than even Heaven and Hell. Why do you think that is?
2. Let's read an example of Jesus' parables that fall into this category, read Luke 12:13-21. What jumps out at you from this passage? Re-read Luke 12:15. What, beside money and/or possessions, could fall into the category of "*all kinds of greed?*" Is there something that you, personally, must be on your guard against becoming to greedy with or even hoarding? How could that *thing* be used to be "*rich toward God*" (vs21)?
3. Money is a horrible idol to serve & an awful master to give your life to. Reflecting upon that statement, what makes money such? What does it look like when someone falls victim to serving money & allowing it to be their master (what are the symptoms)? Describe if & how you personally have struggled with serving money or allowing it to be your master at some point in your life?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. In what ways can this passage correct our perspective regarding how we are to view & handle money? What is the opposite of "contentment" & what is this opposite word's definition? If God is owner and you are manager, do you feel you have a right to be discontent? Why or why not? Focusing on verse 10, does money itself "*lead to many sorrows*"? If not, what does?
5. A quote by Pastor Rick Warren: "*You see, the whole universe belongs to God. You belong to God. The heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars, the trees, the plants, the rocks. Everything ever created belongs to God. You don't really own anything. What you think you own is really on loan. You didn't own it before you were born. You're not going to own it after you die. God just loans it to you for 80-90 years. It was loaned to someone else before you were born. It's going to be loaned to someone else after you die. You get to use it while you're alive. But in reality, you don't own anything. You may not realize it, but you're in management.*" What does the living out of being a manager of anything God loans to you practically look like? Share specific examples of some things you have done this well with and some things that you have yet to do this well with along with what your first step in doing so would be?



Concluding Question

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. In what ways did Jesus "*become poor*" for us? What is God's definition, or perspective, of what us (humanity) "*being rich*" looks like & includes? What doesn't it necessarily look like or include?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer



In early September (9/10) we will begin our All Church Journey (Sunday Sermons, Daily Journals, Small Groups, etc.) called "The Core". Pray for this season to be impactful for the church body!