

Discussion Guide

MINE: wk1 Invest

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Big Idea

God is the owner, and we are His investors.



Icebreaker

Looking back on “The Core” sermon series (the series prior to this one) can you list our seven Revive Wesleyan values? Which value does this new sermon series, “Mine”, flow out of?



Discussion Questions

1. This Sunday’s sermon was all about investing. Investing is: *spending _____ to make something grow*. What are some categories of things that we have the opportunity to spend?
2. On, or with what, do you spend too much money, time, and/or energy and why do you say that? Where else could, or do you feel you should, be spending it as a Christian? Dream a little...what difference could that make in your life? Dream a little more...what difference could that make in another’s life? Would it be worth it, why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 25:14-30 (The Message (MSG)). We as humans tend to compare ourselves to others. As a result of this tendency, we think that if we have been given less money, time, or energy/talent than others, then we have nothing to invest, or offer? Is that a proper perspective per this parable, why or why not? Per the Bible reading, *how* did the man (the owner) decide to give the varying amounts to who? Does he have a right to do this, why or why not? How may realizing this impact one’s perspective that they haven’t been given enough to invest or make a difference?
4. Read Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV). A statement from the sermon was this: “*When we invest what God has given us...we trust him to make it grow.*”. According to this statement, what is the key attribute we must have in God to have an investors mentality? Do you agree with this, why or why not? If God is responsible for the growth (which He is), then what are we responsible for? What may Godly growth because of our investment (a.k.a. treasures in heaven) look like (give some tangible examples of how God may use one’s investment of money, time, and/or energy to result in God-like growth)?
5. Re-read Matthew 25:19-23 (The Message (MSG)). The two people in the story who invested well went from being *servants* of the man to *partners* with the man. The same becomes true of us when we invest things like our money, time, and energy to demonstrate & share the Good News of Jesus. What does it look like to be a partner of God? What is one thing you need to do because of this message to become a partner, or more committed partner, with God?



Concluding Question

Who is someone you know that has done well with this concept of investing in the proper things (the growth of God’s Kingdom)? How have they done so? What are some “wins” you have had in this as you pursue living with no regrets?



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



Can we please pray together as a church, that the transformation in many sparked by “The Core” sermon series will continue as people Pursue the Father?