

Why does my money matter to God?

- The focus of your heart matters to God. Luke 12:34
- You are valuable to God. 1 Corinthians 7:23
- My stuff affects my heart. Matthew 6:21

Starting Strong Steps:

Get things in order. 1 Timothy 6:17

God has blessed me with more than I need. I'm rich. But I will not trust in riches, but in Him who richly provides.

Beware! Satan wants you to serve money. Matthew 6:24

Have a plan. Proverbs 21:5, Luke 16:1-13, Matthew 25:14-30

Trust in God.

Obedience precedes blessing. Proverbs 22:9

Act NOW!

Generosity is the antidote to materialism (money mastering you). Proverbs 22:9, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, 2 Corinthians 8:2

- Giving is a reminder of stewardship. Psalm 24:1 (KJV)
- Giving is praise and worship. 2 Corinthians 2:9
- Giving is spiritual warfare. Malachi 3:8

Food for Thought Questions for this weeks' Life Groups

Review these questions in preparation for participating in a Life Group. All the questions may not be covered in their entirety. Prayer and connecting with each other are vital parts of spiritual growth.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION: A rich uncle dies and leaves you ten million dollars, however, the will requires you to give it all away. Who would you give the ten million dollars to?

For Further Study

What is your most treasured possession?

Why do most people want more money than they already have?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 What happens to the person who loves his wealth and possessions?

(Ecclesiastes 5:20)

Why is money unable to bring happiness or contentment? If we cannot take anything with us when we die, why do we work so hard to acquire things?

What does it mean to accept one's lot in life? What is the connection between accepting one's lot in life and finding happiness?

What can you do this week to accept and better appreciate the things that God has given to you?

Read Luke 16:10-13 What main principle should govern the way we use our resources?

Why is it so difficult to keep a proper perspective on money?

How do you think God wants you to change the way you handle your resources.

Prayer request: Take time as a group to prayer for one another

TAKING IT HOME

“I will not trust in riches but in Him who richly provides.”

What in your life needs to change in order for this statement to become a reality?

What are 3 specific things you can ask God to help you with in the next month to make this change?

What can our group do to help each other “not trust in riches but in Him who richly provides”?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God’s Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here’s how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we’ll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned “sharing questions.” But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we’ll study a section from God’s Word that relates to the previous weekend’s sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we’ll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God’s Kingdom.