

A Biblical Vision For Your Money

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Matthew 25

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Jesus gave money a name: mammon. It was money raised to the status of a god, and Jesus said flatly that nobody can serve both God and it. Pastor Matt opened this series on money with that claim and one of his own: whatever controls you is functionally your god, whatever it happens to be. Luke adds a telling detail. The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and sneered. Pastor Matt was honest that money is not a black and white subject. This series covers all of it, the spending and the earning, not just the giving.

To get started

- What is something you would say you own that, on reflection, might own you a little?

Looking back at the message

He asked for permission to be complex. Take him up on it.

- 1 Pastor Matt said there is no simple black and white answer on money and asked us to get comfortable with complexity. How do you feel about a preacher saying that?
- 2 Whatever controls you is functionally your god. If yours is not money, what is it?
- 3 Pastor Matt admitted that preaching about money is the part of his job he has the hardest relationship with. How did that honesty change the way you heard the message?

OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Luke 16:13-15 aloud, then Matthew 25:14-30 in summary.

- 4 Read Luke 16:13. Jesus names two masters that cannot both be served. Why is it impossible to split the difference?
- 5 Verse 14 tells us the Pharisees, who loved money, sneered at Jesus. Why do you think that was their reaction instead of an argument?
- 6 Verse 15 says what people value highly is detestable in God's sight. What things do we prize that might fit that description?
- 7 In Matthew 25, the master hands out different amounts of money to different servants. When he returns, what is he actually measuring? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Serving and using are different verbs. That is the distinction to hold.

- 8 What is the difference between using money and serving it? How would you know which one you are doing?
- 9 Money talks to us all day. Where do you notice it having a say in your mood?
- 10 Pastor Matt said he tries to treat every part of money as worship: the spending, the earning, and the giving. Which of the three do you think about least?
- 11 Is there a financial decision sitting on your plate that you have never actually prayed about? OPTIONAL

The group together

He acknowledged some people leave over this subject. Do not pretend that is not real.

- 12 Pastor Matt acknowledged that people have left churches during money series. Why does this subject provoke that reaction?
- 13 How could this group hold each other accountable about money without becoming intrusive?
- 14 What would faithfulness with money look like for this group over the next year?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

If money is a tool rather than a master, where have you had that backwards?

You might pray about

- For honesty about what actually has our attention
- For those for whom this subject brings shame rather than conviction
- For faithfulness with what we already have
- For freedom from the grip of comparison