



Group Leader Guide - Week 3

Sermon Recap

Josh addresses the importance of discussing money within the context of faith, emphasizing that Christ spoke about financial matters significantly more than many might expect. He challenges the notion that the church's interest in finances is purely for monetary gain, arguing instead that generosity is about trusting God and reflecting one's heart. By comparing the original intent of Christianity with the modern-day perspective, he calls for believers to prioritize God above material possessions and to embrace sacrificial giving as part of their discipleship. Ultimately, Josh encourages everyone to take tangible steps toward generosity, assuring them that true fulfillment comes from dependence on God rather than the pursuit of wealth.

Ice Breaker

Do you have an example of a random act of generosity in your life? If so, what happened?

Discussion Questions

- ▶ Josh talked about how Jesus mentioned money more than any other topic. Why do you think Jesus focused so much on money and our generosity with it?
- ▶ Josh mentioned that our complaints about money can communicate a lack of trust in God. How do you think our discussions about finances impact our children and those around us?

Read Scripture

Matthew 6:24 NIV

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters at the same time. You will hate one of them and love the other. Or you will be faithful to one and dislike the other. You can’t serve God and money at the same time.

Luke 12:14-34 NIV

¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.”

¹⁶ Then Jesus told them a story. He said, “A certain rich man’s land produced a very large crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have any place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. I will store my extra grain in them. ¹⁹ I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain stored away for many years. Take life easy. Eat, drink and have a good time.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You foolish man! Tonight I will take your life away from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “That is how it will be for whoever stores things away for themselves but is not rich in the sight of God.”

²² Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, “I tell you, do not worry. Don’t worry about your life and what you will eat. And don’t worry about your body and what you will wear. ²³ There is more to life than eating. There are more important things for the body than clothes. ²⁴ Think about the ravens. They don’t plant or gather crops. They don’t have any barns at all. But God feeds them. You are worth much more than birds! ²⁵ Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying? ²⁶ You can’t do that very little thing. So why worry about the rest?

²⁷ “Think about how the wild flowers grow. They don’t work or make clothing. But here is what I tell you. Not even Solomon in his royal robes was dressed like one of those flowers. ²⁸ If that is how God dresses the wild grass, how much better will he dress you! After all, the grass is here

only today. Tomorrow it is thrown into the fire. Your faith is so small! ²⁹ Don't spend time thinking about what you will eat or drink. Don't worry about it. ³⁰ People who are ungodly run after all those things. Your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But put God's kingdom first. Then those other things will also be given to you.

³² "Little flock, do not be afraid. Your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell what you own. Give to those who are poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out. Store up riches in heaven that will never be used up. There, no thief can come near it. There, no moth can destroy it. ³⁴ Your heart will be where your riches are.

Discussion Questions

- ▶ Josh quoted Matthew 6:24, stating we cannot serve both God and money. What do you think it means to serve God in the context of your finances?
- ▶ Josh discussed the idea that being generous can sometimes feel risky or uncertain. How can trusting God with our finances help relieve anxiety around money?
- ▶ Josh challenged us to take a step into the water by trusting God when it comes to our finances. What does that 'step' look like for you personally?

Prayer

- Ask God to help us trust Him more with our finances and to seek His guidance.
- Pray for open hearts to recognize the blessings of generosity in our lives.
- Request prayer for any personal struggles related to money and dependence on God.
- Bring up any specific prayer requests from the group.

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