

Life Group Discussion Guide

MONEY MATTERS
Matthew 6:24-33
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INTRODUCTION

Three things often happen when people decide to sell their house. They buy storage tubs, have a yard sale, and haul things to Goodwill.

The clutter that surrounds us didn't magically appear. It's all stuff we once wanted. We paid for it and now we want to get rid of it. All too often, money spent on things that will soon wind up in a yard sale is money that could have created a margin in our finances. It's a bad pattern and we need to give some thought to why we go down this path.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Are you a saver or a spender? In what ways have you benefited from that tendency? In what ways has it created challenges for you?
2. How much do you value generosity toward those in need? Based on your current finances, to what extent are you able to prioritize generosity toward others? In what ways, if any, would you like your current level of generosity to change?

EVALUATE IT

1. What would consumerism look like if none of us knew what others had? How would your purchasing be different if you didn't know the stuff that others possessed?
2. During the message, Stuart said, "You can be completely out of debt with money in the bank and have driven off the edge financially." Do you agree that you can be financially responsible but still have an unhealthy relationship with money? Why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 6:24. In what ways do people "serve money"? How do you think that affects your relationship with God? Why can't someone serve two masters?
4. Why is it that when we live with the assumption that it's all for my consumption that we're living as if there is no God?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being, "I'd have to make a few changes," and 10 being, "It feels impossible," how difficult would it be to reprioritize your finances from "live, save, give" to "give, save, live"?
2. What is your best next step toward establishing a guardrail against greed by prioritizing giving? What is one thing you can do this week to begin to take that step? How can this group support you?



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