

Let's Talk About It || Let's Talk About Money Week 1

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Jesus celebrates the widow's offering. While large gifts are given by the very rich, a small gift is given by the very poor, and Jesus celebrates the small. Why? Jesus celebrates not the amount but the percentage. She gave all she had. One-third of Jesus' teachings were on money and material possessions. Jesus says we must choose our master.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What is one thing you bought on an impulse that you ended up regretting?
2. If money were not an object, what is something you dream of purchasing?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think Jesus says you cannot serve both God and money specifically?
2. What is the hardest thing about money: making it, spending it, or saving it?
3. Read [Matthew 6:19-24](#), What is the spiritual reason Jesus encourages us not to lay up treasures on earth?
4. What kinds of earthly treasures is Christ referring to in [Matthew 6:19-20](#)? What are heavenly riches and how do we store them up?
5. How can you practice stewardship, gratitude, and contentment in these situations: Shopping for food? Shopping for clothes? Paying debt? Saving for the future?
6. Why are we so prone to put our trust in money rather than God?
7. Read [Malachi 3:10](#), and discuss what it means to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse? Why does God give us something just so that we will give some of it back to Him again?
8. Read [Matthew 6:25-33](#) In verse 33 it says *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* which speaks to Jesus challenging us in two ways: priorities and simplicity. What things do you do with your finances to keep God and others first?

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask for prayer requests. As a group, spend time praying over each other. Pray that God would give you courage and boldness this week. Pray that God would come in and take hold of your financial future and teach you contentment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you newer to Sun Valley and want to meet others at your campus and some of the Sun Valley Staff? Register for the [New Here Event](#) happening this weekend at every campus.
- [Financial Peace University](#) (FPU) starts the week of March 20th. Find out how to create financial freedom for yourself and your family. Register today [here](#).
- The [Parenting Course](#) starts the week of March 20th. Your greatest impact in the world might not be what you do, but who you raise. Register today [here](#).