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The Uncommon Truth About Money

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

Scriptures

John 8:32 (NLT); Matthew 25:13-30 (NLT); Psalm 119:60 (NIV); 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

Questions

1. Why is The Parable of the Three Servants in Matthew 25 important to discuss within your country, culture, family, and/or relationships? Who was the owner, the steward, and what was the tool in this parable? How are fairness, grace, freedom, and responsibility represented within the parable? Why are these concepts crucially important when discussing this parable?
2. The speaker declared "Money is amoral, your relationship with it is not." What does this mean? What is God's primary concern when it comes to money? How does this statement relate to the Great Commission?
3. Can you relate to the expression/challenge 'you cannot outgive God'? If so, what happened? Share an experience with God's generosity, or even a miraculous provision you've experienced at his hand. What are your thoughts regarding Luke 16:10-11?
4. Describe ways that money can test your worship, stewardship, trust, and generosity. What has kept you from trusting God in one of his tests? Do you believe that you relate to money out of your experience with God? Why or why not?
5. What do you think about the most receives your worship, because you become like whatever you worship. God is the only object of worship that will not put you in bondage. What is the one thing that your life revolves around?

6. If you were the CFO of a company, would you hire yourself to be the money manager? Why or why not? Since God's economy isn't tied to any other world economy, as CFO of God's money, what would be your best plan for stewardship? How urgent is your response to the voice of God; do you answer with instant obedience? How does financial stewardship relate to the rest of your life in God?
7. God's reward for faithful stewardship is more of his kingdom. The consequence for poor stewardship is less of his kingdom. It is important to know that salvation is never at risk. How can we overcome poor stewardship?
8. How will poor stewardship affect the dreams you have for retirement? Have you thought about the kind of future you want to have? What future do you want? Will you be gnashing your teeth over lost opportunities or will you be rejoicing over your ability to further build the kingdom of God on Earth. How?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

1. Consider taking the Group Health Assessment in your small group to see how your small group is balancing the five purposes, and to get suggested next steps for each purpose: <https://saddleback.com/connect/smallgroups#spiritualCheckup>
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