

Sermon-Based Bible Study - Trust Issues

CONNECT

Ice Breaker Question: What “lessons” did you learn from your parents on spending, finances, money management, and generosity? (Either by their teaching or example)

Community Question: What is the best financial decision you have made? Biggest regret?

Intro: This week Chris begins a series of messages addressing our relationship with money and how important it is to us and to God for our well-being.

STUDY

1. What did you hear in this week’s sermon that was new about how spiritually important our relationship with money and possessions is, and what God has to say about it?

Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10 *(Read it a few times, in different versions if possible, and reflect on their meaning)*

- a. Who do you know who does not “want to get rich” or at least “have more money”?
 - b. How does “wanting more” fool us and seep into our lives?
 - c. Few people would openly admit to “loving money”. How do we “fall in love” with money and how does it become “evil”?
2. **Read Luke 12:15. “Be on your guard against all types of greed”**
 - a. Remembering that Jesus’ audience was not rich: How is “wanting more” deceiving us about real security and contentment?
 3. **Matthew 6:24: “You cannot serve both God and money”.**
 - a. How is living in both the “kingdom of money/possessions” and “God’s Kingdom” impossible? When have you found yourself trying to do just that?
 - b. How is worry and anxiety often tied to desiring “financial security” and often competes with “God as Lord”?

APPLY & PRAY

Reflect: Who has been a good example to you of living out today’s sermon in their life? What is your plan to live in a more holy relationship with money/possessions becoming more generous, less “worried about money”?

Prayer Requests: Have someone take prayer requests for your group. Have someone write them down, and make sure someone distributes them or texts the group.

Follow up: Follow up on past prayer requests.

Pray: Have someone in your group pray over everyone for faith to treat others as Christ does.