



Money Matters

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Icebreaker: People give a lower percentage of their money to God's work today than during the Great Depression. Why do you think this is the case?

- 1) Are you more of a saver or a spender? Share about your experience managing your own money.
- 2) Reflect on your own journey connecting money and faith. What are some of the meaningful lessons that you have personally learned when it comes to these two elements?
- 3) As a result of Sunday's stewardship message, has your definition and understanding of stewardship changed? If so, how would you describe the change?
- 4) Psalm 24:1 declares "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." How does this fundamental truth change the way you view your possessions and financial decisions? What would it look like to live as if you truly believed God owns everything?
- 5) The rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-22 went away sad because "he had great wealth." Jesus didn't ask everyone to sell everything, but He asked this specific man to do so. What might be the "one thing you lack" that Jesus would ask you to surrender for the sake of following Him more fully?
- 6) In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-29), the servant who buried his talent was called "wicked and lazy" despite not losing the money. How does this challenge our culture's emphasis on financial safety and security? When might playing it "safe" with our resources actually be unfaithful stewardship?
- 7) What one change are you open to making as a result of a greater understanding of stewardship?