

SUNDAY RECAP

We continued in our series, *Consecrated Living*, focusing on what it means to live consecrated lives, specifically regarding money. Before starting the questions with your group, invite God to reveal Himself through His Word and by His Spirit during your discussion.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money [mammon]." (NIV)

"You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both." (The Message)

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKERS

- Think back to your childhood or early adulthood...what's something you saved up for and finally bought?
- What's a purchase you look back on and think, "That was totally worth it"
- If one everyday expense could magically become free for life (coffee, gas, books, shoes, groceries, etc.) what would you pick?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. **Read and reflect on Matthew 6:24.** Jesus personifies "mammon" as a rival god. Where do you see money functioning like a "false god" in our culture? Jesus says we "cannot serve two masters." What helps you recognize when your loyalty is drifting toward money instead of God?
2. **Read and reflect on 1 Timothy 6:6-10.** What are the temptations or "traps" that come with wanting to be rich and what is the outcome? What does "godliness with contentment" look like in practical terms?
3. **Read and reflect on Hebrews 13:5.** What does "love of money" look like in real life? How does believing "God will never leave you" practically shape the way you think about financial anxiety?
4. **Consider the tragic example of Judas and his betrayal of Christ involving money (Matt 26:14-16 & Matt 27:1-7).** What does this show us about the spiritual danger of letting money guide our decisions? What are the small compromises we sometimes make with money that slowly shape our hearts in unhealthy ways?

30 DAYS OF CONSECRATION

As part of this series, we invite you to participate with us as we seek to set apart all things for God's purpose and use. Each week, there is a Scripture to meditate on, daily prayer, and weekly practice as an act of worship.

This week the invitation is to use your money in a way that builds the Kingdom of God. Below are some ideas. Discuss with your group, identify something you could try this week to help you grow.

- Read Matthew 6:19-34 as the last thing before going to bed each night.
- **Prayerfully fill out a Giving Commitment Card for 2026 and turn it in on Sunday, November 23 during the service (cards sent in mail, also available at giving boxes or submit online at fairoaks.church/give)**
- Set aside an amount of cash to give to someone in need.
- Cancel a subscription or service and reallocate the funds toward a Christian ministry or mission.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

Share any personal requests before praying together. Incorporate this week's prayer of consecration by closing your prayer time saying it aloud together.

Father in heaven, provide me with the clarity of heart that I need in order to worship You alone. Help me to be content with what I have and to use the money You provide for Your kingdom purposes. Amen.

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE: Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and insights from preachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **November Food Drive:** We're collecting items most needed for food banks all month long! Bring cereal, peanut butter, rice, ramen, pasta, and pasta sauce to church any Sunday in November (drop off spot in church lobby)
- **11/23: Commitment Sunday:** Turn in giving commitments during worship services (or online at fairoaks.church/give)
- **12/3: Deck the Halls** | 4-6:30p | Volunteers help prep for Advent season!
- **12/4: WFO Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | FLC, AMC | Speaker: Emily Bartholow
- **12/7: Christmas Kickoff** | 10:30a United Service & Lunch/Gingerbread Houses | Tickets Available at fairoaks.church/events
- **12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** | 3p & 5p | Details at christmasatfairoaks.com

