



## Future You

Week 3 - Michael Curl

*"Future Royalties"*

### Ice Breaker:

Who stayed up the latest this past week? Was there a particular reason?

**Starter Questions:** Pick 3-4 people to answer these questions.

- What stood out to you during Michael's message? Why?
- Do you think time is a resource like money, meant to be spent?
- What are some of the things you use your resources for? (time, money, etc.)

**Texts to Consider:** Have a different person read each passage.

- Matthew 6: 19-24
  - Jesus's teaching on worshipping God with all of who we are.
  - What does it mean by treasures? What are your treasures?
- James 1: 22-25
  - In James's lifetime the gospel was not yet written. When he refers to hearing, it is easily applicable to our modern day reading.
  - Ever looked in a mirror and seen something amiss but decided not to bother?
- Exodus 35: 20-22
  - Exodus 35: 1-19 detail the specifics of the offering to be brought.
  - Pay careful attention to **how** they brought their offerings: what kind of heart-space were they in?

**Things to Consider:** Based on the 4 "truisms" that Michael gave on Sunday. Get everyone involved.

- Why does it matter if resources only get more scarce?
  - Does it make them more or less important?
  - How do we treat things as they start to go away?
- Are there any "things" you get to take with you when you die?
  - How important are material possessions to you in the face of eternity?
  - Are there wise ways to approach acquiring "things" or "stuff"?
- How important is it to work on the "you" of today?
  - Can we wait until later? Is that wise?
- How do you feel when you're told that you haven't earned anything?
  - Do you agree? Disagree? Why?
  - What is the responsibility of a steward?
  - How does it feel to give away *your* stuff?

**Prayer:** Ask for prayer requests from the group.

- Pray for wisdom when you approach giving your resources and for help stewarding that which has been entrusted to you. Give thanks for the resources you already have.