MANNA CHURCH HAWAIʻI - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 18, 2026 | Built Different pt. 6 - “Built Different Finances”

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: If you received $1,000 that you had to spend on something fun, what would you do with it?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

As children of God, we are called to live differently, and that includes how we view and handle money. Matthew 6:24 reminds us that we cannot serve both God and money. Money itself is not bad, but when we look to it for security, allow worry to control us, or make getting more our main focus, it can become our master. God is not against us having money. He just doesn't want money to have us. Our identity as God's children reminds us that our security is not found in how much we have, but in who our Father is.

In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus reminds us that our Heavenly Father knows what we need and cares for us. He points us to the birds and flowers as reminders of God's provision and calls us to seek His Kingdom first rather than be consumed by worry about tomorrow. This doesn't mean we will never face financial struggles or difficult seasons. It means we can trust God through them while being faithful and wise with what He provides. Instead of allowing fear or the pressure to have more to dictate our decisions, we can learn to live with contentment, prepare wisely, and trust God one day at a time.

Ultimately, **God doesn't want our money, He wants our hearts.** Matthew 6:21 says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” How we spend, save, and give reveals what we value and where our hearts are focused. Malachi 3:10 challenges God's people to trust Him through their obedience and generosity, while Acts 4:34-35 shows the early church caring for one another through sacrificial giving. Generosity is not about giving out of guilt or trying to earn God's love. It is a response to His goodness and provision. Whether we are just beginning to give, learning to give consistently, or growing in sacrificial generosity, we can take steps of faith and surrender our finances to God, remembering that our time on earth is temporary and what we do for His Kingdom can have an eternal impact.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share something that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. When life feels financially uncertain, what helps you feel secure, and what tends to make you feel stressed?
3. Matthew 6:21 says that where our treasure is, our heart will be also. What do your spending, saving, or giving habits reveal about what matters most to you?
4. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus reminds us that our Heavenly Father knows what we need. What might it look like to trust God with your finances while still being responsible and wise with the resources you have? What is one practical step you can take this week to honor God with your finances, whether through budgeting, practicing contentment, beginning to give, giving consistently, or being generous toward someone in need?

PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

- Pray that we would trust God as our provider, especially during seasons of financial uncertainty, and learn to seek His Kingdom first (Matthew 6:25-34).
- Pray for wisdom and discipline to manage what God has entrusted to us, make healthy financial decisions, and live with contentment.
- Pray that money would never become our master and that our spending, saving, and giving would reflect hearts fully devoted to God (Matthew 6:21, 24).
- Pray that we would grow in joyful, faithful, and sacrificial generosity, caring for others and making an eternal impact through what God has provided (Malachi 3:10; Acts 4:34-35).

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MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: If you received $1,000 that you had to spend on something fun, what would you do with it?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

As children of God, we are called to live differently, including how we think about and handle money. Matthew 6:24 reminds us that we cannot serve both God and money. Money itself is not bad, but it can become too important when we think having more will make us happy, help us fit in, or make us feel secure. It can be easy to compare what we have with what our friends have, whether it is clothes, shoes, phones, gaming gear, or the latest trends. God is not against us having money or enjoying things. He just does not want money to control our hearts. Our security comes from who God is, not from what we own.

In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus reminds us that our Heavenly Father knows what we need and cares for us. He points to the birds and flowers to show us how God provides, and He tells us to seek God's Kingdom first instead of constantly worrying about tomorrow. We may not have our own jobs or paychecks yet, but we still make choices about money, whether we receive an allowance, earn money from a part-time job, save birthday money, or ask our parents for something we want. Trusting God does not mean we never worry or that we stop being responsible. It means we can bring our worries to Him, learn to make wise choices, save for what matters, and be thankful for what we already have instead of always wanting more.

Ultimately, God doesn't want our money, He wants our hearts. Matthew 6:21 says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” How we spend, save, and give shows what matters most to us. Malachi 3:10 challenges God's people to trust Him through obedience and generosity, while Acts 4:34-35 shows the early church sharing what they had so people in need could be cared for. Generosity is not about giving because we feel pressured or trying to earn God's love. It is a way to respond to His goodness and care for others. Whether we are saving our money, giving at church, or supporting someone going through a hard time, we can learn to use what we have to honor God and bless others.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. When you see other people with things you want, like new shoes, computers, phones, or gaming gear, how can that affect the way you feel about what you have? What helps you be content?
3. Matthew 6:21 says that where our treasure is, our heart will be also. How do the things you spend money on, save for, or choose to give away show what matters most to you?
4. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus reminds us that our Heavenly Father knows what we need. What could trusting God with money look like while still making wise choices? What is one practical step you can take this week to honor God with what you have, whether that means saving instead of spending, being thankful for what you own, starting to give, or helping someone in need?

PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

- Pray that we would trust God to care for us, especially when we worry about money or feel pressure to have what others have (Matthew 6:25-34). Pray for wisdom to make good choices with the money and resources we have, practice contentment, and learn to save and spend responsibly.
- Pray that money and possessions would not control our hearts, and that we would put God first in our choices and priorities (Matthew 6:21, 24).
- Pray that we would grow in joyful generosity, look for ways to help friends and people in need, and use what God has given us to make a difference (Malachi 3:10; Acts 4:34-35).

Referenced Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34, Malachi 3:6-12

Series Verse: 1 Peter 1:14-16 CSB *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. [15] But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; [16] for it is written,* ***Be holy, because I am holy****.*

Matthew 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

Jesus doesn't say this because He wants something _____you.

He says this because He wants something _____ you.

The world's ways lead to the world's _____. God's ways lead to God's _____.

As children of God, we are not responsible to _____ for ourselves.

We are responsible to be _____ and faithful with what God provides.

GOD DOESN'T WANT YOUR _____, HE WANTS YOUR _____.

Matthew 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Step 1 - The _____ Giver

Step 2 - The _____ Giver

Step 3 - The _____ Giver

Step 4 - The _____ Giver

Acts 4:34 *For there was not a needy person among them because all those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds of what was sold, [35] and laid them at the apostles' feet. This was then distributed to each person as any had need.*

Step 5 - The _____ Giver

God is not against you having money. He just doesn't want money to have _____.

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