20/20 VISION
Week 3: Wealth
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⇒ ***Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're short on time.***

WARM-UP

What is something you believed was true only to find out later that what you believed was not the truth? Maybe it was an "old wives' tale" or an urban legend.

INTRODUCTION

⇒ How do you define wealth?
⇒ How has your definition of wealth changed over the years?
⇒ How is the world's definition of wealth different from God's definition of wealth?
⇒ Share with the group different ways, other than money, that we can be wealthy.

Read Psalm 24:1–6.
⇒ What does this tell us about everything that we have?
  - Describe how the earth being the Lord's compares to our typical beliefs about wealth and possessions.

Read Luke 16:10–13.
⇒ What message do you think Jesus was showing us here?
⇒ Discuss this statement: True discipleship is reflected not by the amount with which one is entrusted but by the way one uses it.
⇒ Describe what it might look like to "serve two masters."
  - Why is this a problem?

BIBLE APPLICATION

Read Deuteronomy 8:11-18
⇒ In what ways are our lives today similar to the Israelites God is speaking to?
⇒ Why do we so often forget what God has done for us and where our wealth really comes from?
⇒ What was it about being in the wilderness that kept the people depending on God more?
⇒ What part might pride play in our thoughts or actions when it comes to wealth?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-26 if you have time for additional study (note vs. 26 contains Psalm 24:1)
- What role do idols play in the demise of God's children and followers?
- In what way is having enough or an abundance a dangerous thing?
- According to verse 11, why is this recorded in Scripture?
- What are some of the ways that wealth and possessions can tempt us?

Read Luke 6:35–38.
⇒ What message does Jesus give us about giving?
⇒ What types of giving does it apply to?
⇒ What other ways of giving can you think of that we often hold back on?

- God doesn't want us to give out of guilt or a feeling of "I have to." Rather, he wants us to give because we want to. What does **2 Corinthians 9:6–11** tell you about giving?
  - How does this passage show that it really isn't about the money?
  - What is the real thing that results when we are generous?
  - Compare vs. 10 with Psalm 24:1. What is the real lesson here?

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

⇒ What are some of your beliefs about wealth that might not be as true as you once thought?
⇒ What might you need to change to align yourself with what God is telling you?
⇒ What do you think holds you back from trusting God with providing?
⇒ How could an accountability and prayer help you to be all God wants you to be? Who will that person be for you?

PRAYER

Ask God to reveal to you where he wants to grow your trust and dependence on his provision and break unhealthy beliefs about money. Pray that he would show you what "enough" means.

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PERSONAL GROWTH & NEXT STEPS

PERSONAL STUDY

- Look at the following passages and ask God to show you what he is saying to you and what your next step needs to be.
  - Romans 12:6–13
  - 1 Timothy 6:17–19
  - Luke 6:36–38
- Is there an area where you find it more difficult to give than others?

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEXT STEPS

Are you ready to take control of your money? **Financial Peace University** is a 9-week class that teaches you God's way of handling your personal finances. You will learn how to dump debt, save money, and grow wealth as you leave money stress behind!

To register for this class starting on February 4, see the link at **redcedarchurch.com**.

Are you stressed by an overwhelmed schedule and an underwhelmed soul? Women, join us for **The Best Yes** as we walk through ways to filter our "yes" or "no" choices with Biblical wisdom. This 6-week study for women, by author Lysa Terkeurst begins Monday, February 3.

Registration: **redcedarchurch.com/events/bestyes**

New Believer? New to Red Cedar? Looking to grow in your faith? Join us at **The River**! Here you'll discover the core of our faith, our values as a church, and how to connect at Red Cedar.

Mondays – February 3, 10, 17
6-7:30p (Dinner served)
OR
Saturday morning – Feb. 8
9am-12pm
(Breakfast Served)
Childcare available on Saturday morning by request
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GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

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