

Small Groups

The Blessed Life

Session 3: Giving Breeds Gratitude

Getting Started

This week in the sermon, Pastor Cody talked about your giving journey.

First Impressions (ask this question to get discussion going among the group)

Have you ever tried to navigate somewhere without a map? Does anyone have a funny story about getting lost or about bad navigation?

Video Teaching

Play the video teaching and take any notes that might contribute to the group discussion. This week we will discuss Chapters 5 & 6.

Group Discussion

Chapter 5: Breaking the Spirit of Mammon (Deuteronomy 8:18; Matthew 6:24)

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1. Mammon tells us that money is the answer to every problem. We often talk about “throwing money” at a problem to indicate that money can be the easy solution but not always the best solution. Can you think of examples when making more money available has led to disappointing results?
2. Pastor Robert says being a giver will result in blessings. Would you continue to give tithes and offerings even if your only reward was salvation through Jesus Christ? Read Hebrews 11:13 and consider how it might apply

Chapter 6: It Takes A Heart Transplant (Deut. 15:15; Prov 16:2; Luke 6:38; James 4:3)

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1. Think about a time when you lost some money. Maybe it was in the stock market, maybe it was in a misplaced wallet, or maybe you made a bad purchase. What did that experience tell you about the importance of money in your life?
2. How does 1 Timothy 6:5 (Paul’s condemnation of people who see godliness as a means of financial gain) apply to our study of motives and giving?

Closing Prayer

Go around the room and share any personal prayer requests you’d like the group to pray about. Conclude your session by praying for these requests together.

For Next Session

Read Chapters 7 & 8 in *The Blessed Life* for next session.