



Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

#### **City Group Icebreaker: Questions to Get You Talking**

- What is one thing you treasured as a child? When did you begin to understand that money has value?
- Share a time when your faith grew as a result of your giving. What did you learn about God from your experience?

**Key Scriptures:** *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. **Matthew 6:24***

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33***

**More + MTG Scriptures:** Read **Matthew 6** in its entirety.

**Big Idea of the Message:** Generous Giving (**Returning**) is giving God my first and best so He can bless the rest.

#### **Message Study: The Essential Questions**

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Are you giving God your first and best? Why or why not?
- How can you focus more on doing what God wants and less on worrying about what you need?
- How can generous giving be a form of accountability for you?
- What are some of the barriers you've faced or are facing that keep you from being a generous giver, beginning with a tithe?
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

#### **Move Up. Connect to Christ**

- What is the connection between our hearts and our giving (Matthew 6:24)?
- What might it mean for you to seek first the kingdom of God? What might it mean for our church?

**Start Praying.** *Lord, deepen my love of You and as I can better express Your love to \_\_\_\_\_ change me. I want to better express Your love to \_\_\_\_\_*

#### **Move Out. Connect to Culture.**

- How might recognizing our relationships with God and others as heavenly treasures which last forever change our priorities or behavior?
- How are we going to reset our priorities and love our neighbors well?

**Start Praying.** *Lord Jesus, I want to join You in better loving my neighbors. Teach me, as the God who is love, to better share Your love with \_\_\_\_\_*

#### **Move In. Connect Culture to Christ.**

- Study Matthew 6:31-34 to see how an over-focus on money can ruin your ability to let Christ's light shine through you to others. How can it darken your eye, divide your heart and ruin your ability to share the gospel (Mat 6:22-24)?
- What you do with what you have reveals what you believe. Therefore, have you done as Jesus did and invest in others for the purpose of sharing the gospel and in God's Kingdom financially?

**Start Praying.** *Lord Jesus, I want to join You in your mission. Send me, as an ambassador to share Your good news with \_\_\_\_\_*

**Application Point:** During the coming week, find a way to use your time and money to make an investment in eternity.