### **Kingdom Finances**

## FINANCIAL CULTURE

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#### 1. HOW WHERE YOU RAISED?

Matthew 19:23 (AMP) "Jesus said to His disciples, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, it is difficult for a rich man [who clings to possessions and status as security] to enter the kingdom of heaven."

**1.1.** A person's financial upbringing influences their perception and relationship with money.

#### 2. WHAT ARE YOUR FEARS?

**2.1.** A person's fears around money will reveal how they truly feel about money.

Matthew 6:24 (AMP) "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord]."

2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP) "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and selfcontrol]."

#### 3. STEWARDSHIP

**3.1.** We have to trust that the portion God has given us is enough. We have to steward what we have and not always desire more.

Matthew 25:23 (AMP) "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master."

#### 4. WHY AREN'T ALL CHRISTIANS WEALTHY?

**4.1.** We have to learn to have contentment.

Philippians 4:11 (AMP) "Not that I speak from [any personal] need, for I have learned to be content [and self-sufficient through Christ, satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or uneasy] regardless of my circumstances."

Philippians 4:19 (AMP) "And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

**4.2.** We should stop asking why we are not wealthy and rather ask what we should be doing with what we already have.

### 5. YOUR SEAD

5.1. We need to sow if we want a harvest.

Galatians 6:9 (AMP) "Let us not grow weary or become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in."

**5.1.** We will harvest in the measure that we sow.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (AMP) "Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows [a]generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap [b]generously [and be blessed]."

## Sermon Discussion Guide

## **Kingdom Finances 2**

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### OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

- 1. How did your financial upbringing influence your perception and relationship with money?
- 2. What are your fears around money?
- 3. Are you content with what you currently have? Are you content with your income and lifestyle?
- 4. Are you generous with what you have or do you want to hold on to it?