



Discipleship Guide
Live Generously
Finances
Matthew 6:24-34

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Read Matthew 6:24-34

- What are you most afraid of? When it comes to your finances, what is a "what if" question that tends to stir up fear or anxiety for you?
- What is one thing that stood out to you from this passage of scripture? "Fear paralyzes generosity." Can you recall a time when fear or anxiety about your own financial situation made it difficult to be generous?
- How does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:24-34 speak to our common financial fears?
- Jesus says, "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money" (Matthew 6:24). What does "serving money" look like in everyday life?
- "Will we serve God first in our financial decisions?" What practical changes might this require in how we earn, spend, save, and give?
- The message introduced a "Stewardship mindset: God is the provider and owner of all our resources." How does viewing yourself as a steward, rather than an owner, change your perspective on your finances?
- The sermon asks, "Could you see your income as God's provision and not solely your earnings?" What are the implications of this shift in thinking?
- Jesus points to the birds and flowers as examples of God's provision. How have you experienced God's provision in your life, even in small ways?
- The sermon emphasizes, "God loves us and provides for us." Why is it sometimes hard to trust in God's provision, and what helps you to trust more?
- "The way to break our fears around our finances is through giving," and that there is "joy in giving." Have you ever experienced joy in giving, even when it felt like a sacrifice? Describe that experience. How can we move from a sense of obligation to genuine joy in our giving?
- What is one practical step, big or small, you could take this week to live more generously with the resources God has given you, for the sake of others?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?