

Small Group Discussion Questions

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LEADER INFO

GROW This section is based on the sermon from Sunday. You can find it here: <https://www.southsidelife.com/>

ICE BREAKER Do you have any favourite Easter memories or traditions?

Why Do You Exist?

“Is there a deeper purpose to your life than ‘you?’”

Read

Proverbs 10:4

Sloth makes you poor; diligence brings wealth.
Make hay while the sun shines—that’s smart;
go fishing during harvest—that’s stupid.

Proverbs 24:33-34

A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—
and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 11:26

Curses on those who drive a hard bargain!
Blessings on all who play fair and square!

Proverbs 18:10-11

The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.
The wealth of the rich is their fortified city;
they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Philippians 2:5-9

In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider
equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself
nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name...

1. Money: THE GOOD

- a. God created this material world and said “Enjoy it and take care of it!” including money.
 - i. Consider the following passages and discuss their meaning:
 - a. Proverbs 10:4
 - i. *For the leader: God gives us the ability to produce wealth and hard work is a good thing!*

b. 1 Timothy 6:10

- i. *For the leader: the LOVE or LUST of money is evil. Money itself and making it/using it to glorify God/bless people is not.*

2. Money: THE BAD

- a. Scripture (along with our own life experience) warns that when you make money the central pursuit of your life, you end up using people to love money.
 - i. Do you have an example of that from your own life?

3. Money: THE UGLY

- a. The truth about living your life to amass wealth? It doesn't work.
- b. Consider Proverbs 18:10-11 and discuss its meaning
 1. *For the leader: God is the only solid foundation in life. You can't get to safety by attempting to build your life on money.*
 - ii. Do you have an example of that from your own life?

4. Money: THE BEAUTIFUL

- a. Consider the following 2 examples of wealthy people in the Bible:
 - i. Cornelius (Acts 10:1-31)
 - ii. Joseph/Barnabas (Acts 4:32-37)
 1. How did God call each of them differently and individually to use their wealth? *What was the same? What was different?*

- b. What have been some of your favourite ways you've been able to use the money God has given you? (**can be simple like "buying ice cream for my kids" in Pastor Mike's example, or something larger! But this is not a trick question*)

- c. What happens when we as Christians no longer consider ourselves and our comfort our top priority and open our hands to a world in need?
- d. Read Philippians 2:5-9 again and consider it through the lens of how Jesus would have us use our money.
 - i. Do you have a next step in terms of generosity? Why or why not?

PRAY