

Small Group Discussion Questions



// Week of April 14, 2024

LEADER INFO

- Baptism! Text "Dunk" to 604-670-3040 to sign up for our May 19th Baptism

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?

Love With Money

"I believed in it, I just didn't believe it applied to me."

Read

Proverbs 20:24

The very steps we take come from God;
otherwise how would we know where we're going?

Proverbs 28:22

The stingy are eager to get rich
and are unaware that poverty awaits them.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of human opinion disables;

trusting in God protects you from that.

Philippians 30:15

A freeloader has twin daughters named “Gimme” and “Gimme more.”

Proverbs 15:22

Plans fail for lack of counsel,
but with many advisers, they succeed.

1. How do you love God with your money?

- a. There are 4 approaches in our culture in regards to money:
 - i. “What’s mine is mine”
 1. Read Proverbs 23:6-8. What does God have to say about people who are stingy?
 - a. Therefore, how could being tightfisted with your money actually lead to emotional and relational poverty?
 - ii. “What’s mine is yours”
 1. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12. What does the Bible have to say about those who don’t want to work for themselves?
 - a. What harm do we do to people by enabling them to continue not working hard?
 - iii. “What’s yours is mine”
 1. Read Proverbs 30:15. Based on that, how do you think God feels about entitlement?
 - a. Where can a life of entitlement lead you?

The above approaches are “normal” but God’s way of approaching money is very controversial. His is: iv. “What’s mine is God’s”

- iv. Read Proverbs 11:24-25. What does that mean to you?

2. How do you love “your neighbour” with your money?

- a. Read Mark 12:28-31
 - a. Jesus taught that the two greatest commandments were to 1) Love God and 2) “Love your neighbour as yourself”
 - i. “Your neighbour” starts with those closest to you. Who has God placed in your life to care for?
 - b. The goal of how we are to live with money is to be a blessing and not a burden. If you’re struggling with finances, you’re not alone! Over half of Canadians would not be able to afford a \$400 emergency.
 - i. It’s “normal” to struggle with finances, but normal isn’t working for us. How are you doing with debt?
 - 1. Proverbs 21:5 teaches that saving is God’s plan. Discuss why.
 - ii. Have you taken our Financial Learning Experience Class?
 - 1. If not, will you sign up for our class, beginning May 26th?
 - 2. If yes, and/or you have some experience in budgeting/finances, will you help lead the next class on May 26th? (We have over 120 people signed up already!)
 - a. Text “FLE” to 604-670-3040 to sign up

3. How do you love yourself with your money?

- a. Pastor Mike said on Sunday “If God needed your money, He would beat you up and take your wallet from you. God asks us to give because He is a giver.”
 - i. How does that relate to Proverbs 11:24-25?
 - ii.
- b. “Tithing” or “The Tithe” in the bible is the principle of putting God first in your finances, by bringing the first 10% of your finances back to God, by donating it to

God's church.

- i. Read Malachi 3:8-11. Tithing is the only area in life that God actually dares us to test Him. What does He promise if we put Him first in our finances?
 1. Have you ever thought that tithing didn't apply to you?
 - a. Why or why not?
 2. A lot of people say they can't afford to tithe. According to Malachi 3:10, we can't afford NOT to tithe. Discuss!

PRAY