



# FOLLOWING JESUS

## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 10 – RETHINKING MONEY

### **BIG IDEA:**

How you \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ reveals what you \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>19</sup>Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

– Matthew 6:19-33 NIV

## **NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS**

- Jesus confronts us with a choice: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- No one can \_\_\_\_\_ to God and money
- You must decide who or what will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the choices of your life

## **YES! BUT HOW?**

- Determine where your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ go
- Recognize that you're an \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_
- Commit to God's \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ management
- Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

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## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. What is your attitude towards money?
2. How does it compare to God's attitude toward money?
3. How can you ensure that your money serves you instead of you serving your money?
4. How can the way you manage your resources reveal what you value most in your life?
5. What are some of the treasures we can store up on earth?
6. What is the danger of storing treasures on earth?
7. What was the point Jesus was making in Matthew 6:24?
8. What is the difference between stewardship and ownership?
9. How should this affect how we view money and other resources entrusted to us by God?
10. What is the difference between being an investor and a consumer?
11. How should this affect the way we utilize our resources?
12. What should be the priority for how followers of Jesus utilize their resources?
13. In what ways could you better invest God's resources for Kingdom purposes?
14. How would God's values change how you currently utilize the resources He has given you?