



MONEY MATTERS

Week 1: Money and the Heart Discussion Questions

Begin by praying for yourself and each other. Offer your hearts to God and ask him to use these discussions. Commit to Him a willingness to submit to His leadership in the area of money.

1. Describe your general willingness (or reluctance) to talk with others about your personal finances. What makes it difficult? As Christians, how much should finances be a topic of conversation? What guidelines might we follow in discussing finances?
2. When it comes to receiving help or accountability from others concerning your finances, what steps can you take? Are there specific people that you can include in this area of your life? Are there mentors that can help guide you in decisions and practices related to money? In general, how can you appropriately make money a less private matter and more a matter of discipleship?
3. Read Mark 10:17-31 (you may also compare the parallel passages in Matthew 19:16-30 and Luke 19:18-30) and answer the following.
 - a. List out qualities that the rich young man possesses.
 - b. After reading Mark 10:21, what do you think Jesus is feeling towards this man?
 - c. In Mark 10:21, Jesus asks this man to take dramatic action. What does this tell us about Jesus, the man, and ourselves?
 - d. It could be said that Jesus paints a bleak picture in Mark 10:23-27. How do his words strike you? In what ways might they convict us today?
4. Jesus indicated (Matthew 6:19-24) that money would be a primary competitor for our worship. In what ways does money compete for your worship? Answer with specific examples rather than broad principles.
5. Considering your answer to Question #3, what steps might need to be taken to loosen money's grip on your heart? Pray for each other regarding your answers.