

DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT

GENESIS COMMUNITY CHURCH

HEART BEHIND THE SERIES

The world tells us that there are certain things we shouldn't talk about. Things like race, sexuality, money, and politics. But we serve a God who isn't silent on these issues and has made His heart known to us in the pages of Scripture. For that reason, we do not want to be silent on those issues either. We want to **REFLECT** well the heart of God as **REVEALED** in the Word of God so that the world would get to **SEE** God!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- 1. Pray for your Group
- 2. Read this weeks verses (Job 41:11; Psalms 24:1; Luke 12:15; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:7-8; 1 Timothy 6:9-10) and assign them to your Group
- 3. Familiarize yourself with the discussion questions
- 4. Have a great Group!

THIS WEEK'S VERSES

- Luke 12:15 Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required."
- 1 Timothy 6:9-10 "But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows."
- Philippians 4:18 "At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the
 gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and
 pleasing to God."
- **Psalm. 24:1** "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him."
- **Job 41:11** "Everything under heaven belongs to me."
- Acts 20:35 You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- 2 Corinthians. 8:9 "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."
- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 "You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"life story could be written from a checkbook. It reflects your goals, priorities, convictions, relationships, and even the use of your time. A person who has been a Christian even for a short while can fake prayer, Bible study, evangelism, going to church, and so on, but he can't fake what his checkbook reveals. Maybe that is why so many of us are so secretive about our personal finances." — Ron Blue

"Tell me what you think about money, and I will tell you what you think about God" – Billy Graham

"One of the greatest impediments to generosity in the human heart is the fear that our gift to someone else means a loss of that gift's benefit to ourselves. We fear that if we give sacrificially to someone else, we might have to go without ourselves." – Larry Allen

"Mr. Wesley, something terrible happened! Your house burned to the ground." John Wesley weighed the news, then calmly replied, "No, the Lord's house burned to the ground. That means one less responsibility for me." – Paul Tripp

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

IN-GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. Is there anything God is wanting you to differently as it relates to your finances? Would you be willing to tell one person?
- 2. The way we spend our money is a window into what our heart values. What are three things your finances reveal about your heart?
- 3. Share a story about how money has deceived you or someone you know. Why do you think money is so deceptive?
- 4. How have you seen money used destructively? How have you seen it used for good?
- 5. What does it look like to be crazy generous?
- 6. How have you been blessed by someone else generosity?
- 7. What might God have you do differently in this season as it related to money and stewardship?



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