



Redefined!

Redefined – Week 5: “Money” Message Discussion Guide May 5, 2024

Icebreaker: What was your family’s relationship to money like growing up, and how has that impacted your own relationship to money?

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24; Acts 2:44-45; 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

1. Read Matthew 6:19-21. In the message we heard that Jesus is essentially warning people that the treasures of the world are a trap, because decay and rust. On one level we all know this— even people who aren’t Christians will say things like “You can’t take it with you!” Yet, why do you think we are still so drawn into “storing” earthly treasures up?
2. Read Matthew 6:22-23. The sermon paraphrased this passage as saying “your eyes can deceive you.” Think about your own life and your relationship to money and material possessions and a time when you would say your eyes were deceiving you. What contributed to you having “unhealthy” eyes? What contributed to the times when you would say your eyes have been “healthy” and you can see clearly regarding these kinds of things?
3. Read Matthew 6:24 and discuss. What do you think it means to serve money? Have there been times in your life, or even currently, when you would acknowledge that you have been serving money?
4. Jesus very plainly says, “You can’t serve God and money.” Why do we still try to serve both? What are some of the excuses or justifications you’ve either thought/said yourself or heard others say when it comes to trying to serve both God and money?
5. We went out of order in this chapter — we’ll be talking about the Lord’s prayer next week. But go back and read Matthew 6:9-13 now. How does this prayer Jesus taught us help us to see the conversation about money/things through his lens?
6. Living in the time and place that we do where the push to buy new, bigger, and better things is pretty constant, what are some ways we can help ourselves and each other to keep money from becoming a master?

Prayer: Generous God, today we ask you to change the lens of how we see money. Thank you for so freely giving to us in so many generous ways. Open my heart and mind to the privilege we have in giving a portion away. Thank you for the opportunity to invest in God’s kingdom in such an impactful way. Amen