

Week 7: Our Money

Nobody likes to talk about money...which is why we should talk about money. Jesus' words in Matthew 6 reveal that how we view and use money exposes what we truly value. When we loosen our grip on material things and practice generosity, our hearts become free, our vision becomes clear, and our joy becomes complete. Where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. The Way of Jesus is the way of an undivided heart.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read **Matthew 6:19-24**. What are some examples of earthly treasures we tend to "store up"? Why do you think this is so tempting even though we know they won't last?
- 2. How would you define "treasure in heaven"? What does it look like to invest in things that last for eternity rather than things that fade?
- 3. Why do you think money has such a powerful grip? How have you seen it act as a *power* either for good or for harm in your own life or in our culture? What practices help you keep your heart free from its power and aligned with God's Kingdom priorities?
- 4. In **vs 22-23**, Jesus uses the metaphor of healthy and unhealthy eyes to describe the soul. What does it mean to have "clear" or "generous" eyes? How can focusing on God's Kingdom instead of our own change how we see the world and people around us?
- 5. What does serving money look like in practical terms? What would it mean for you to make God—not money—the true master of your decisions, goals, and lifestyle?
- 6. When have you experienced joy, freedom, or spiritual growth through generosity? Why do you think giving changes *us* as much as it blesses others?