

MAKE JESUS KING

Of Your Wealth | Discussion Notes

This week we're talking about our money. Philip said Jesus spoke about money so much because "money is God's greatest competitor for our trust". We can't serve two masters and money is something that so easily masters us. It's an indicator of what we truly value.

- Do you agree? If so, where do you see this to be true in your life or your friends' lives?

Read Luke 16:1-13. In the parable, we see a manager who uses his master's money as a way to achieve something incredibly important to him - securing his long term future. Jesus says we should do the same with our money; use it for eternal gain. The key to understanding the parable is that "the manager used money as a means to an end, not as a master". We too should use our temporary worldly wealth in the light of eternal heavenly gain.

- Where in society do you see money being treated as an end in itself, rather than as a means to achieve what's really important?
- Why do we find ourselves making money our king, rather than using it as a tool?
- What are you currently using your money as a means for? Is it all spent on you? Where do you feel like you are using it well?

In the parable, the manager has three things: 1. he has been trusted with wealth, 2. he has limited time, and 3. he has a good master.

- Do you think of your wealth as something you have been entrusted with? Or do you fall in the trap of thinking you own it and deserve it?
- How does our limited time change how we should view money? Do we have an eternal perspective on our use of money?
- Why should having a good master change our attitude towards money and how we use it? Do we find it difficult to trust that God can take care of us, even if we are generous and sacrificial with our money?

Finally, spend some time asking the question: "What difference could my money make? How could I use whatever wealth I've been trusted with to secure eternal gain?" You may want to write these answers down and then pray for them all together, or break into smaller groups to share and pray.

Encourage people to think about their own giving. Do I need to start giving to church? Do I need to increase my giving? Or are things about right?

We can set up giving that is Personal, Predetermined and Proportional by visiting woodlandsmetro.church/giving