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STRENGTHEN WHAT MATTERS MOST



Life Group Questions: Strengthening Your Financial Core

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Read

Ecclesiastes 5:10, Luke 16:11, Proverbs 21:5

Reflect

Jesus talked a lot about money. In fact, he spent more time teaching about money than anything else. That might seem strange. After all, Jesus came to earth to save mankind... so why did he spend so much time talking about money? Probably because money is a concern that all of us have and because our attitude towards finances often reflect our attitude towards God. Why do you think God sees money as a spiritual topic? Have you seen your finances impact your faith? How?

Pastor Greg gave five essential elements to strengthening our financial core:

1. Work hard
 - a. One of the first commands God gave to the first person he created was to work hard. Work is a blessing, not a curse. Do you see your work as a part of your relationship with God? Do you see your work as an opportunity to honor God?
2. Plan wisely
 - a. Do you have a financial plan? Why or why not? Why do you think people tend to avoid financial planning?
 - b. Read Proverbs 27:23-24. Why do you think God cares whether or not we plan?
3. Invest consistently
 - a. Are you saving for the future? Do you have any investment goals? What keeps people from saving? Why does God want us to invest?
4. Give generously
 - a. One of the central principles behind Jesus' teaching about money is that everything belongs to God; we are merely his stewards. Does seeing yourself as a steward change your attitude towards your money?
 - b. Where are you giving? How can you increase your generosity this year?
5. Live gratefully
 - a. We all know how to worry about money, but how many of us know how to enjoy it well?
 - b. What does "enough" look like for you?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?