

Small Group Questions: Money

Series: Jesus On__

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Read

Matthew 6:19-24; Malachi 3:10; Luke 5:1-11; Acts 4:32

Reflect

When Jesus spoke to the crowds, from the mountainside, he taught about treasures in heaven. He explained that we should not keep treasures here on earth, where they will be destroyed. Jesus said, "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Pastor Josh Surratt shares three ways we can have a healthy mentality about money and possessions.

1. There is always a connection between our treasure and our heart.

- a. Describe the relationship we are supposed to have with our possessions. Give an example of an unhealthy relationship with one of your possessions as well as a plan for improvement.
- b. Finances show your values. What do your finances say about you?
- c. Read and discuss Mark 12:41-44. How are you like or different from the widow?

2. It's better to have less of what doesn't matter and more of what does matter.

- a. Are the things that you own controlling your direction? How can you refocus and improve your path?
- b. What percentage of your heart is tithed to Christ? Who/What gets the greatest percentage of your heart?
- c. How can you fight against a greedy heart? Could a fast from technology help you become more generous?

3. It's okay to own stuff, but it's not okay for stuff to own me.

- a. Where do you find happiness? Where else can you seek happiness?
- b. How is your fear of not having enough controlling your generosity?
- c. How can you unlock yourself from your earthly possessions? Why?
- d. Discuss songs, such as Great is Thy Faithfulness, that describe God's generosity. What other actions of praise can you execute to show God love?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?