

(re)gifting week 1

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV and The Message.

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Series Overview: A lot of people may think, “Why do churches talk so much about money?” I can’t speak to what other churches do but here at South Hills, we carve out time to do an entire series on money about once or twice a year. And we do this because money is a big part of life and we want to talk about real life. We also don’t want to avoid the subject of money because it’s uncomfortable...Jesus didn’t. He talked a lot about money. He said more about money & materialism than he did about heaven. Actually he told 35 parables & out of them, 16 had to do with money & possessions. Anything Jesus wasn’t silent on, we don’t want to be either. The aim is never to shame or intimidate or demand anything from you. We want to educate & inspire you to leverage what you have in this life to make your life worthwhile. And I hope that’s your experience here over these next couple weeks.

//TALK

Ice Breaker - What was the worst haircut you ever received...describe in detail and BONUS if you have a photo.

Q1 – Can you recall something that someone lent to you that you held onto for so long you started to forget it was loaned? How long did you have it? What was it like when they asked for it back?

Q2 – The statement was made “**The longer we’re in possession of something, the harder it is not to think of it as our possession**”. Would you agree? Why or why not? Can you share about a time this was reality for you?

Q3 – Read **James 1:17** - [Read in different translations] In your own words, what do you think James is trying to convey to the reader? Can this help change our perspective about our possessions and where they come from?

Q4 – Read **Mark 12:38-40 & 41-44**. [Read in different translations if necessary] What stands out to you in these passages? What is Mark trying to describe with this teaching of Jesus? What is the contrast between the 2 passages?

Q5 – The statement was made “**It’s not about what you have, it’s about what you do with what you have**” and “**Money is both a tool and a test. What you do with what you have demonstrates what kingdom you’re devoted to—God’s or yours.**” Would you agree or not and why? How can we fight the urge to hold onto what isn’t ours to hold onto?

Q6 – What are you going to do with what was given to you for the one who gave it to you?

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Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read Mark 12-14. Take a deep look into all that is happening in these final moments of Jesus before the cross.

//THE POINT

What are you going to do with what was given to you for the one who gave it to you?

//MEMORIZE

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

//PRAY

As you share prayer requests, take time to personally make requests known in an honest and safe environment. Encourage everyone to write down requests and to pray during the week. Please take a moment and pray for the growth of South Hills Burbank and that those who can serve and take next steps will.