

(re)gifting week 2

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 - If a movie was made of your life what genre would it be, who would play you?

Q1 – If you were honest, have you ever been stressed or worried that you “weren’t going to have enough for yourself” and that dictated how generous you were toward others? What reason did you have? Looking back, was it justified?

Q2 – The statement was made “**Jesus knew the pursuit of money (and our paranoia over not having enough), is the biggest competitor for your heart.**”. Would you agree? Why or why not? How have you seen this in your own life?

Q3 – Read **1 Timothy 6:10** - [Read in different translations] In your own words, what is Timothy getting at with this verse? Why was it important for him to be clear about money to his audience?

Q4 – The statement was made “**If we don’t decide in advance to align our actions with what we want our life to be about, our culture will make the decision for us.**” Would you agree or not and why? How do you think culture can fight against us becoming who and what we may really want? How do we push against this?

Q5 – Read **Luke 5:27-32**. [Read in different translations if necessary] What stands out to you in these passages? Why do you believe Luke captured Matthew’s response to Jesus’ calling in v.29? How significant do you imagine it was for Matthew to walk away from his career/salary as a tax collector?

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//GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read the different accounts of the calling of Matthew - Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17 and Luke 5:27-28.

//THE POINT

Practice percentage giving to keep your priorities in order.

//MEMORIZE

1 Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs

//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. Please pray for our additional 5th service and Easter at JBHS this year!