

## (re)gifting week 3

\*\*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** - You have your own late night talk show, who do you invite as your first guest?

**Q1** – Have you ever purchased something for a great deal and was then judged for that purchase by someone? How did that feel? Why do you think we are so quick to judge how people spend their money?

**Q2** – The statement was made "**How we spend our money tells a story and it may not be the story we want to tell.**". Would you agree? Why or why not? What kind of story would you want your money to tell?

**Q3** – Read **Acts 2:42-47** - [Read in different translations] In your own words, what is happening in this passage? How were people willing to sacrifice for the mission of the church? How can this challenge the way we approach church today?

**Q4** – Read **Luke 15:11-32**. [Read in different translations if necessary] What stands out to you in these passages? What theme of this story stands out to you? Have you ever considered the different meanings of the word "prodigal"? What does the idea of a Prodigal Father say about God's extravagant generosity and willingness to do whatever is necessary to reach "The One"?

**Q5** – The statement was made that "**Takers never have enough but Givers experience contentment.**" Would you agree or not and why? What is your experience in the moments you have had enough and moments when you wanted more?

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### //GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read Proverbs 23:5, Proverbs 13:22, Acts 2

- *"Start telling your money where to go and stop wondering where it went"* - Dave Ramsey

### //THE POINT

**What drew people to early Christians was their generosity, not their theology.**

### //MEMORIZE

**Luke 15:20 - 20 "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him..."**

### //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!