

# **LifeGroup Meeting**

## **Money Matters**

### **Get To Know You Question:**

What is the hardest thing about money: making it, spending it, or saving it? Why?

### **Let's Dig Deeper**

**Jesus is my hero because no matter what life throws at me, I know I am Jesus' careful concern!**

#### **1. Someone read **Luke 19:1-10****

- Why do you think Zacchaeus' first response after giving himself to Christ was money?
- What do you think Zacchaeus' thoughts of money were before he met Christ?
  - i. Why the sudden change?
  - ii. What is it about Jesus that makes us think of money differently?

#### **2. Someone read **Matthew 19:16-24****

- The man in this story was by all accounts, a good person. He left sad and disappointed, because he wanted to hang on to his own money. And Jesus let him go. How often do we tend to want to hang on to all our money? Why the urge to save and keep?
- Why do you think it is harder for a rich person to enter heaven than it is for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle?
- How have you seen money become a formidable barrier to spiritual transformation in your life?

#### **i. Someone read **Luke 12:16-21****

- How is the man in this passage living the American Dream?
- According to Jesus, what was this man's folly?

- How often are we similar to this rich fool?
- After often are we preparing for the life to come?
- Why is it so hard to prepare for the life to come when we are so caught up in the here and now?
- Jesus said, “So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” How do we go about being rich toward God?

### 3. Someone read **Mark 12:41-44**

- Most of us would believe that the woman in this story is the foolish one, yet Jesus regarded this woman as wise and the model for the disciples and for us to follow. Why?
- Do you believe that Jesus is trying to get us to understand that how we deal with money is in fact a litmus test of our spiritual condition? Why or why not?
- Scott mentioned that one of his commentaries on this passage mentioned that how we deal with our money is the biography of our lives. What do you think he meant by that?
- Someone read again **Mark 12:41**. Jesus sat down deliberately and with the intention of watching people give. Why do you think he did that?
  - i. We tend to believe that what we do with our money is our business. But Jesus would disagree. Do you believe that Jesus has every right to know what you give?
  - ii. From **Mark 12:41**, how does this verse possibly change how we view money and how we spend it?

4. How has Jesus been your hero this week?

5. Pray that you consider filling out your commitment cards before May 31<sup>st</sup>!

6. Close in prayer!