

LIFE GROUPS

Money Talks – Week 3

Message Summary

In this series, we learn about the power of money - while it is morally neutral, it can have a remarkable level of power in our lives. It can distract us or destroy us; it can transform and bring blessing. This week we see how money and wealth is given to serve God and His purposes. God models the abundant giver by offering an abundant life.

Engaging the Word

What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon? Things you specifically related to? Things you didn't understand? Any new insight you are taking away?

Read Luke 12:16-21

1. Understanding the context of a passage helps with discerning the meaning of the text. Zoom out from Luke 12:16-21 by doing the following:
 - a. Read **Luke 11:53** -- What was happening just prior to Jesus speaking in Luke 12?
 - b. Read **Luke 12:1-15** -- Who was Jesus' audience in Luke 12? Why did Jesus tell the parable in verses 16-21?
 - c. Read **Luke 12:22-34** -- What did Jesus teach after the parable? Why did Jesus follow the parable with the teaching in verses 22-34?
2. Focusing back on the parable in Luke 12:16-21, who are the "characters" in Jesus' parable?
3. What did the people in the parable do?
4. How would you summarize the main message of Jesus' parable? Explain how you arrived at your summary.

Engaging the Heart

1. How do you define wealth? How do you define abundance?
2. What does an abundant life look like for you?
3. In what ways does or should generosity intersect with abundance?

Engaging our World

Parkview will be hosting a "Money Wise" seminar on March 16. Consider making it a priority to attend - maybe attend as a group or bring a friend.

Spend some time as a group sharing (if you are comfortable) your stories of abundance and generosity. These can be stories of joy or maybe struggle. Regardless, have some conversations around what the ideas in Andy's message mean for your life and how you can impact your world with them. Close out your time by praying for each other.