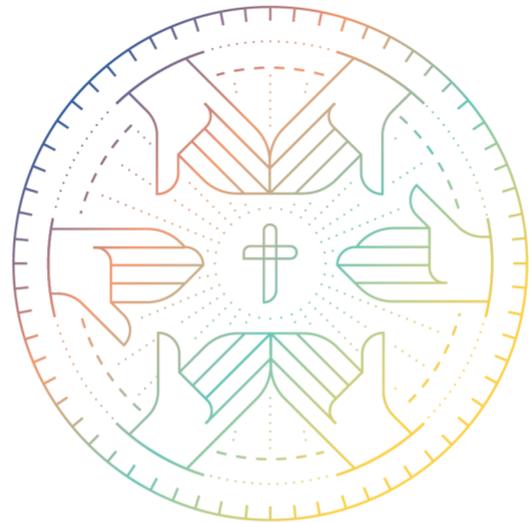


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Do you carry cash in your wallet or purse, or do you use credit cards for regular daily expenses? In other words, are you a cash or credit card person? Why?

OR

Do you know someone who is a trustworthy steward of what God has given them? What characteristics makes you consider them trustworthy (or untrustworthy)?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Read Matthew 25:14-30. Share what you found most interesting about this Bible story or about David's message.

Have you ever failed to give appropriate attention to your money and seen that lead to a negative consequence?

Was there a moment in the past week when you were able to slay the "Monster of More" through contentment? Share the details with your small group.

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Proverbs 21:5. Describe how diligence can lead to abundance? What kinds of diligence? How does haste lead to poverty?

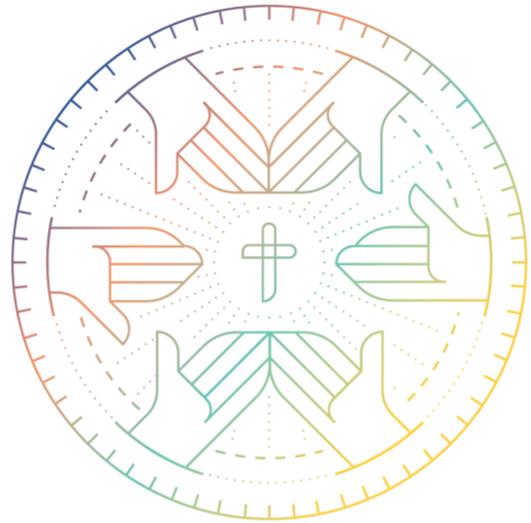
Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What do you find most significant in the passage we just read? In what ways have you seen people fall into temptation and sin because of an unhealthy affection for money?

What is the biggest temptation you face that draws you into a "love for money"?

Read Luke 12:15. Describe what it means to "be on your guard" against love for money or coveting possessions?

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APPLICATION (20 MINUTES)

How can your small group help you to resist the love of money?

How difficult is it to separate your worth from your wealth? What does society say that makes such separation more difficult?

How do you respond to the statistic David shared that the average Christian gives only 1.7% of their income to church or charity? Does that surprise you? Where are you in relation to a percentage of income given to honor the Lord? Are you satisfied with that level of stewardship?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, we want to be trustworthy stewards of the resources with which you have blessed us. Give us wisdom and courage to separate our needs from our wants and to be self-controlled and wise in every financial decision. May our relationship with money be one of gratitude and responsibility, not self-worth or contempt. Help us to see everything we have as a gift from your hand and to use it in ways that bring you honor. Amen.