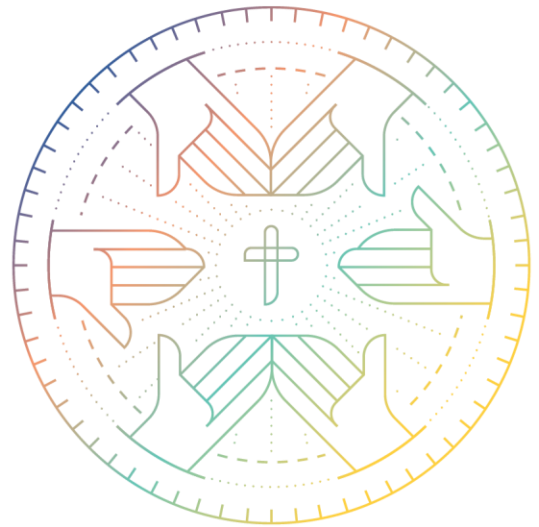


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What's one thing you did this week to enjoy your money?

OR

What's one thing you enjoyed this past week that God "richly provided" for you? (1 Tim. 6:17)

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-21. Share what you found most interesting about David's message.

How do you react to David's statistic that if you make \$33,000 per year, you are richer than 96% of the world's people? Do you feel rich? Why or why not?

When you think about what God has entrusted to you, do you have an "abundance" mindset or a "scarcity" mindset?

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

Read Luke 12:15. How does pride and conceit ruin our enjoyment of the resources God has entrusted to us? How do we guard against pride and conceit creeping into our attitude toward our possessions?

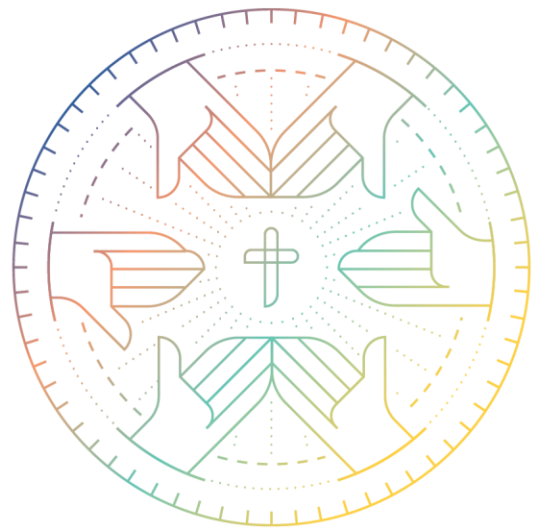
Host Guidance: Jesus reminds us that life's value is not determined by material possessions. Guarding against greed and a preoccupation with accumulating wealth can help prevent pride. Pride and conceit attach an unhealthy importance to money which leads to other unhealthy attitudes and behaviors regarding wealth.

Read Matthew 6:19-21. What are some of the practical ways Jesus would want us to store up treasures in heaven?

Host Guidance: The key to storing up treasures in heaven is by living our lives with an eternal perspective. Practically this occurs when we are intentional to share our story with others, love God back, build deep relationships, pursue Christ daily, use our resources, time and talents to bless others, and lend a hand to serve others. Storing up treasures is living with purpose and intentionality to bring glory and honor to God in all that we do.

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Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. David said generosity can be an act or a characteristic. Discuss the difference between an act of generosity and a generous lifestyle.

Host Guidance: God desires for us to reflect His character and one aspect of His character is generosity. His amazing grace and endless mercy, which He freely gives to us, is our motivation to model generosity. He delights in blessing us and proves Himself faithful by providing for all of our needs.

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

We can flip the script and enjoy our money by observing the five aspects of Biblical management:

1. Honor God.
2. Save for the future.
3. Take care of our responsibilities.
4. Be generous towards others.
5. Enjoy what God has given.

Following these principles allows us to enjoy what God has entrusted to us. What aspect of Biblical management do you find most challenging? What is one step you can take to move toward that this week?

David challenged us to consider the One Percent Challenge. Take time this week to pray and review your finances to see how you can increase your generosity and saving by one percent over the next year.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Heavenly Father, Your Word says that "You richly provide us with everything to enjoy". Encourage us to be grateful and to be wise stewards of all that You have entrusted to us. Help us to avoid the temptation to place our trust in temporal things and instead live with an eternal perspective trusting in You alone. Cause us to grow in the area of generosity and provide us with opportunities to use our time, talents and resources to bless others. In Jesus' name, Amen.