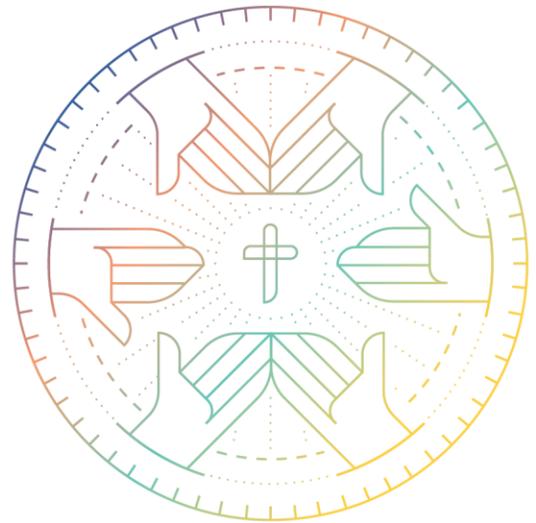


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

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)

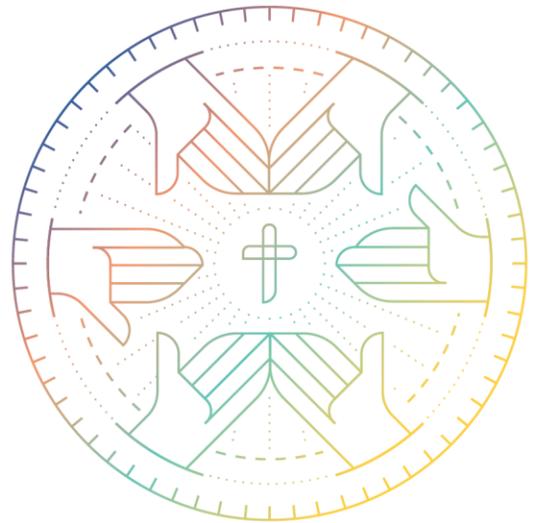
Read Luke 12:15. How does pride and conceit ruin our enjoyment of the resources God has entrusted to us? How do we guard against pride and conceit creeping into our attitude toward our possessions?

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

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.

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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.