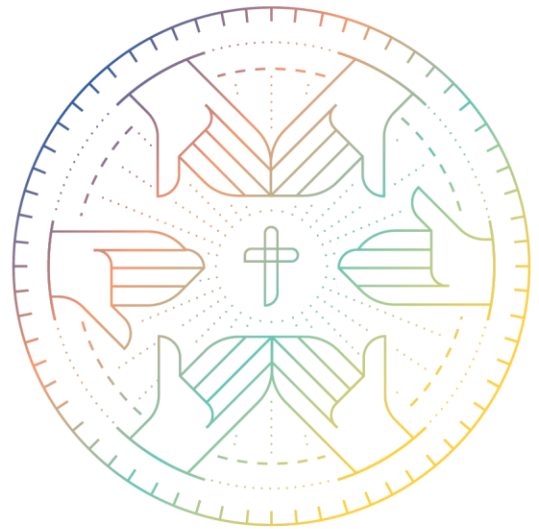


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is the most unusual or sentimental possession you own? Why does it matter so much to you?

Or

If you could only keep three items from your home, what would they be and why?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Jesus understands how easily money and possessions can take over our lives, often without us realizing it. We can get caught “chasing carrots,” always striving for bigger, better, and more. What do you think drives that need for more?

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, and Colossians 3:1-2. How do these passages provide further understanding about what Jesus meant by “storing up treasures in heaven”?

Read Matthew 6:22-23, Proverbs 28:22 and Luke 12:15. How does our perspective on money and possessions affect our spiritual health?

Read Matthew 6:24, 1 John 2:15-16, James 4:4. Why is it impossible to serve both God and money?

Read Matthew 6:25-33, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Luke 12:31-32. What does it mean to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”? How does that relate to our attitude toward possessions?

APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

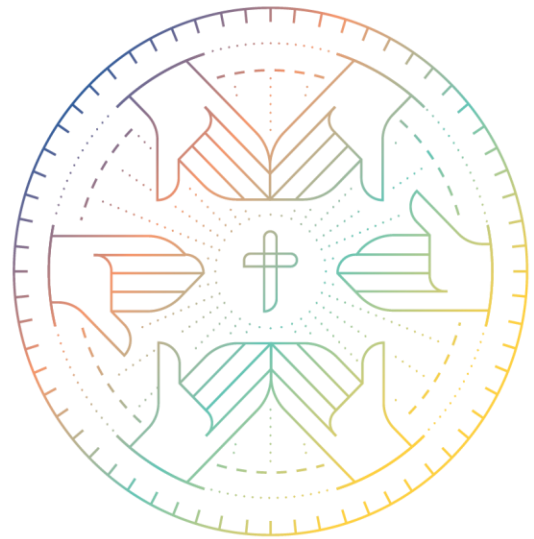
How does the way you spend your money reflect what you treasure most?

Pastor David mentioned four things that are good and eternal (treasures in heaven). Discuss which one(s) stood out to you and the practical ways you can grow in the area(s).

- 1) Doing things that please God.
- 2) Fighting through suffering while relying on God.
- 3) Forgiving one another.
- 4) Being kind to others.

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In what ways have you seen God provide for your needs in the past? How can remembering these moments help you trust Him for the future?

Review the “Money creed” below and pick one area you feel led to grow in. Pray and ask God to guide your next steps as you surrender this area to Him.

- 1) We will love God, not money.
- 2) We will be devoted to God with all our possessions.
- 3) We will trust God and live selflessly.
- 4) We will find our security and significance in God.

DAILY THIS WEEK

Set aside time this week to review your budget or spending habits. Ask God to help you align your financial priorities with His kingdom.

Identify one area where you can practice generosity – whether a donation, helping a neighbor, or supporting someone in need.

Simplify your life by decluttering. Let go of possessions that may be holding too much of your heart’s attention and give away items to those who could use them.

Memorize Matthew 6:33 and meditate on it as a guide for financial decisions.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Heavenly Father, thank you for being our faithful provider. Help us to identify where we may be treasuring worldly treasures over heavenly treasures. Teach us to seek first your kingdom and to hold loosely to the things of this world. Give us wisdom to manage what you have blessed and entrusted us with in a way that honors you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.