

Week 3 Money & Grace

"In my kingdom, you specifically invite people who cannot pay you back."

Icebreaker: Share a time when you received something unexpectedly and how it impacted you.

Scripture Exploration

- Read Luke 12:13-21. What is the main issue Jesus addresses in this passage?
- How does the parable of the rich fool illustrate the dangers of greed?

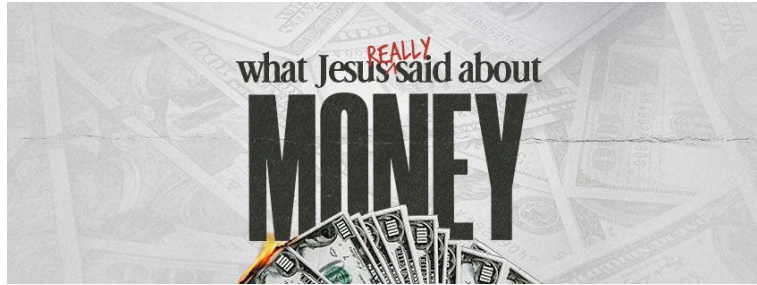
Group Discussion Questions

Reflect - In the parable of the great banquet, Jesus challenges our assumptions about generosity and giving. True generosity isn't transactional—it's rooted in grace, giving freely without expectation of return. How does this story redefine your understanding of generosity? What does it look like in practice to give without expecting anything back?

Emotional and Spiritual Response - Jesus' invitation to the banquet symbolizes His grace extended to all, regardless of status or worthiness. How does this image of God's inclusive generosity speak to your heart? What emotions or reflections arise as you consider the depth of God's grace in your own life?

Personal Application - Sacrificial giving means releasing what we value for the sake of something greater. How can you practice sacrificial generosity in your daily life? Are there specific opportunities, needs, or challenges that God may be prompting you to respond to?

Theological Reflection - The sermon explored the concept of *freedom from finances*—the idea that we are no longer enslaved by our possessions when we trust God as our provider. How does this perspective reshape the way you view wealth and material security? In what ways does faith free you to live with open hands and a generous heart?



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- Read Luke 14:1. What does the setting of this dinner party tell us about the cultural and religious context of the time?
- In Luke 14:11, Jesus speaks about humility. How does this principle relate to the themes of money and grace?
- Examine Luke 14:12-14. What is Jesus teaching about whom we should invite to our gatherings, and why is this significant?

Personal Reflection

- Consider Luke 14:16-24. What does this parable reveal about God's kingdom and the invitation He offers?
- How does the concept of grace challenge or affirm your current understanding of giving and generosity?
- Reflect on the idea of sacrificial giving as presented in the sermon. What theological implications does this have for your faith journey?

Personal Application

- What steps can you take to align your financial habits with the teachings of Jesus on sacrificial giving?
- How can you apply the principles of humility and grace in your interactions with others this week?
- Consider joining a serve team or a community project. How might this action help you live out the message of this sermon practically?