

Week 4 Radical Generosity

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Icebreaker: Share a recent purchase you made that seemed necessary at the time but turned out to be less important. What did you learn from that experience?

Scripture Exploration

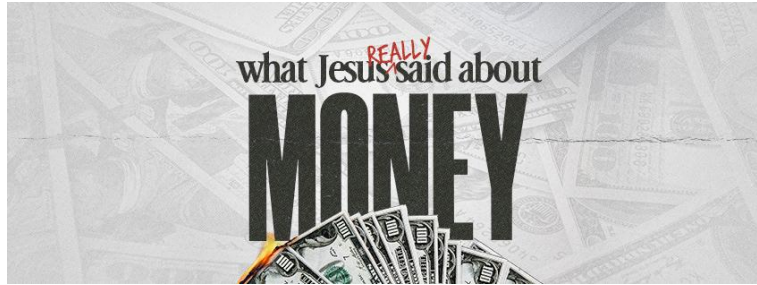
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Group Discussion Questions

Reflect - In the story of the rich young ruler, Jesus reveals that even the most moral and devoted people can "lack one thing." For this man, it was his attachment to wealth. How does this passage challenge your understanding of what it means to "lack one thing" in your spiritual life? What does this story reveal about the barriers that keep us from fully following Jesus?

Emotional and Spiritual Response - Abraham's willingness to leave everything behind in Genesis 12 demonstrates a faith that moves forward even when the destination is unknown. How does Abraham's story inspire you to trust God in your own season of uncertainty? What might "going to yourself" look like in your life right now—stepping away from comfort toward calling?

Theological Reflection - Radical generosity isn't simply about giving money—it's about surrendering control and trusting God with everything we have. How does viewing generosity as a spiritual discipline change your perspective on giving? In what ways can our church community reflect the heart of Jesus through a lifestyle of generosity?



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- How do the disciples react to Jesus' teaching in this passage, and what does this tell us about their understanding of wealth and salvation?

Personal Reflection

- What does Jesus' instruction to "sell everything you have and give to the poor" reveal about the nature of true discipleship?
- Cross-reference with Matthew 6:19-21. How do these passages together deepen your understanding of where our treasure should be?
- What does the story of the rich young ruler teach us about the dangers of material possessions in our spiritual lives?

Personal Application

- Identify one thing in your life that you hold onto tightly. How might releasing it bring you closer to the life Jesus offers?
- Consider how you can practice radical generosity in your community this week. What specific steps can you take to give to those in need?
- How can your understanding of what it means to "inherit eternal life" shift your daily priorities and decisions?