

DISCUSSION GUIDE

CORE52 | #21 Money

Matthew 6:19-21

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“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 | NIV

- What is your personal experience with the church asking for money? Been good or bad?
 - Discuss why we sometimes have strong opinions about the church and money.
- Discuss what anyone in the group can remember what the Bible says about money.
- When you PRAY, you are asking God for something. You are asking to receive something. When you GIVE to God, you are offering something to Him. RECEIVING or GIVING... which do you think will take you farther, faster, spiritually?
- What is the context of Acts 20:35?
 - Why did Paul say that it is more blessed to give than to receive?
- What does Matthew 6:19-21 practically mean to us today?
- Is it right to base your giving on 10%? Why or why not?
- What is the relationship between giving and spiritual maturity.
- Why is it important or not important to give first to God?
- If you heard Seth’s sermon, did you like the illustration of being a tither and not a tipper?

- Tips show appreciation, Tithing show allegiance.
 - Why is allegiance to God more important than appreciation?
- Why are so many people who tithe, debt free and own more?
 - How is tithing not a magic formula to get out of debt or into ownership?
- Put this phrase into your own words, or explain what it means to you - “Tithing Is Our Faith Responding To God’s Grace.”
- Read or tell the story in Genesis 14 of Abraham and Kedorlaomer.
 - What does it mean that we are exactly where Abraham was in the middle of this text? (Genesis 14:19-20)
- How relevant is “Your Future Success Rests On Your Faithful Response To God’s Past Faithfulness.”?
- We were challenged to pray about our giving. Maybe we are already giving generously, maybe we need to evaluate our giving and our heart. Will you commit to praying about your giving?
- Pray together