

Week 1 Immeasurably MORE- "Through Giving"

INTRODUCTION

"MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, ------MONEY!"

Most of us have heard that song. It usually accompanies a scene of a lucky individual dancing around as money rains down. But it's not just the song -- even the sight of the word *money* is attention grabbing. Money can be the driving force in this world today. We all need it to buy food, shelter, a car and clothes. We need it for the very basic things in this world and often feel like we don't have enough.

Many people would say that they always need more money. If they had just a little more their life would be so much better. That is a very human way of thinking about money. It's almost like it gives us the key to unlock happiness in this world. We have a tendency to horde it for our families and for ourselves and we forget one giant thing about it, it's not ours. It's God.

He has entrusted us with that money, to be good stewards of it. It also means that we are supposed to give spontaneously, regularly, and sacrificially. This is a process, our finances are one of the toughest things to give to God, but when we do, He can do Immeasurably MORE with it!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Ephesians 3:20-21 & Matthew 14:15-20

- 1. Has God ever done something in your life that was immeasurably more? Explain.
- 2. How does the way we approach money reveal the condition of our heart?

Read Luke 10:30-35

"We Give Spontaneously"

- 3. Is giving spontaneously easy for you? If yes, why? If no, why?
- 4. How does giving spontaneously show that you trust God with money?
- **5.** If we are struggling with giving spontaneously, what are some ways we can change that?

"We Give Regularly"

- **6.** What is the definition of tithe?
- 7. Why does God want us to tithe?
- **8.** Why do you think tithing is considered an act of worship and faith?

Read Exodus 25:1-2 & 36:3-5

"We Give Sacrificially"

- **9.** What does it mean to give sacrificially?
- 10. Have you ever given sacrificially? Explain.

ACTION STEP

For your action step this week, make an intentional effort to think about your finances. Spend time writing down what you spend your money on in a month. Look at all of the different areas you are spending money in and then spend time in prayer. Seek God's guidance with your money and if it is really being used for God's glory. Ask Him for help in stewarding money in a Godly way. If you struggle with trusting God with your money this will be tough, but always remember He can do immeasurably more with it than we ever could!

Take Next Steps + Pray Together + Take Care of Each Other = Community Groups!