

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Home Groups
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# If Money Could Talk: "Don't Cling to Me!" November 14, 2010

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### Scripture

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also . . .

"No one can serve two masters; . . . You cannot serve God and wealth."

#### **Engage**

What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "It is more blessed to give than to receive?" (Acts 20:35)

#### **Discuss**

- 1. Read the Scripture above (Matthew 6:19-21, 24). What truths do we get from this passage?
- 2. Have you ever been robbed? How did it make you feel? Did it change your value of possessions?
- 3. What does it mean to serve two masters? What are some of the other masters that you have followed or been tempted to follow?
- 4. Generosity was part of the DNA of Jesus and should be of ours. How do you think most people in our culture are doing at that? How are you doing in being generous?
  - What truly helps us be able to be generous? If we're not generous, what can we change about our thinking?
- 5. One truth of the message was this: "When you love someone, you value their treasure." What does this say about our love for God? How is it related to our generosity?
- 6. It is important to realize that what we treasure will shape us. Do you believe this to be true? How does it happen? Where does treasuring the wrong thing lead us?

7. Do you have any stories to share with the group about how you have been faithful and God has honored that obedience?

# **Your Next Step**

What can you do this week to show God you are serious about your relationship with Him?

What is God calling you to share with others this week?

## **Other Passages Cited**

Passage: Truth:

Psalm 115:4-8 We become like what we treasure.

Luke 12:20-21 Storing treasure on earth is not a good life-plan.

Matthew 12:30 Love God with all your being.

Matthew 6:33 Seek God first, other will be taken care of.

Other Resources Recommended:

The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn