



People to Watch Out For 4 – Money Chasers Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- **What do you think it means to be truly wealthy? How would you know if you were wealthy?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Eddie offered several questions for us to consider thoughtfully. Look over each one and write down an honest answer:
 - How much of my thought-life revolves around money, possessions and luxuries?
 - Am I overly emotional about financial and material things?
 - Do I seek ways to be generous, or do I avoid generosity?

Look over your answers to these questions. What do you notice?

- **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.** These are Paul's wise words to a younger leader, Timothy. What pieces of wisdom in these verses stand out to you today? **Have you seen people do what verses 9-10 describe?**
- Eddie shared 4 indicators that something is off in our approach to money. Read over them and mark which ones you need to watch out for:
 - Questionable or secretive financial behavior
 - Constant conversation about money and material things
 - Financial priorities outrank spiritual priorities
 - When our people feel less important to us than our money

Even if it's not at a concerning place yet, which of these signs do you need to pay close attention?

- Read Luke 16:13 – or if you have time, read Luke 16:1-13 (to see the parable Jesus shares). **What do you notice in Jesus' words?**
- Finally, Eddie shared 3 practical application suggestions:
 - Spend the rest of this year and next year defining true wealth and making a plan to pursue it
 - Determine to live well within your resources
 - Pray for a generous spirit and test your generosity muscles.

Make some simple notes about how you could do each of those soon.

- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Message Main Points & Scripture

- 1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV - Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- **The Bible does not require us to trust people who are untrustworthy.**
- Matthew 16:23 - "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."
- **The Bible encourages us to be on guard against people who are driven by money.**
- **How much of my thought-life revolves around money, possessions and luxuries?**
- Exodus 20:17 - "You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife... or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."
- **Am I overly emotional about financial and material things?**
- **Do I seek ways to be generous, or do I avoid generosity?**
- 1 Timothy 6:9-10 - People who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.
- **Being rich has ruined some people. Wanting to be rich has ruined many people.**
- **Jim Carrey: "I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of, so they can see that it's not the answer."**
- **questionable or secretive financial behavior**
- **constant conversation about money and material things**
- **when financial priorities outrank spiritual priorities**
- Luke 16:13 - "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."
- **when our people feel less important to us than our money**
- **What does it really mean to be wealthy?**
- **spend the rest of this year and next year defining true wealth and making a plan to pursue it**
- **determine to live well within your resources**
- **pray for a generous spirit and test your generosity muscles**