

"Generous Living"



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

On Sunday, Pastor Nick kicked off a short series that we are calling Money Talks. This Sunday, we learned about generous living and the truth that we can't serve both God and money. While it isn't wrong to have money, it is wrong to hoard it. While we think we are usually generous people, we also want to be more generous at the same time. However, we understand that it is much harder to be generous when we're talking about our own possessions. Specifically, we learned about two choices that we have to make in order to be more generous: stop stockpiling for yourself and start investing in eternity.

"You can't take it with you but you can send it ahead."

- ◆ In what way have you seen, and maybe experienced, the impact that material possessions can have on people?
- ◆ What does the phrase "send it ahead" mean? Who do you know that have done this before and how have they done it?

Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

1. Stop stockpiling for self
- ◆ What difference is there between true fulfillment in life and strictly material possessions?

"It's not wrong to have it but it's not right to hoard it."

- ◆ In what way does hoarding our money, or placing too high a value on it, diminish the impact of generosity?
- ◆ What does it look like to store up for yourself treasures on earth? In what way is Jesus calling us to something better?

2. Start investing in eternity

"You can't take it with you but you can send it ahead."

- ◆ In addition to finances, what are some ways that we can be generous? In what way does that make an eternal impact?

Now what?

- ◆ In what way can you engage with Dollar Club? What impact could such generosity bring?

Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*