

— **UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM** | *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*

WEEK 6- UPSIDE DOWN ECONOMY

Matthew 6:19-24

1. MONEY DISTORTS THE VIEW WE HAVE
2. MONEY REVEALS THE THINGS WE LOVE
3. JESUS TRANSFORMS THE WAY WE GIVE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message was about what Jesus had to say about money. Why do you think money is such a touchy subject?
3. In Matthew 6:22-23 and in Luke 11-12 we see that greed and materialism can distort the view we have on life. What has been your experience with greed, both in your life and in the lives of those close to you?
4. Greed is something that we can often see in others but cannot see in ourselves. Have you given anyone permission to speak into your life about money, or has anyone given you permission to do that for them? Who are people in your life that you might be able to ask to keep you accountable and what would it actually look like to be accountable to each other?
5. We learned this week that money reveals the things that we love (Matt 6:21). We might use it to try to provide significance (spending it in order to puff ourselves up or improve our social standing), or we might use it to try to provide security (not spending it or hoarding in order to provide control or protect ourselves). In what ways are you looking to money to provide significance or security in your life?
6. On Sunday, Pastor Ryan said, "You don't understand the Gospel until you understand that Jesus treasures you." What are some examples from the Bible that show how much God treasures you? What are some examples from your life that have helped you personally realize how much God treasures you?
7. The final idea this week was that "Jesus transforms the way we give." Who is the most generous person you've ever met? What is most difficult for you about giving generously? What is most fun about giving generously?
8. Don't forget about our opportunity to help "Fill the Pantry" of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. You can make a difference by picking up a few items off of the pantry shopping list (you can find that here: severn.cc/fill-the-pantry) and dropping of your items on the front porch of our church building. Let's practice generosity!