#17 – The Cost of Money

James 5:1-6

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 BIG IDEA:

Money is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Money will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Money can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How can we avoid falling in love with money?

We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of March 3, 2019

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time (about 20-30 minutes) to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in your relationship with the Lord and with others!

**Getting to know You**

1. One thing my mom/dad/grandparents always said about money was…
2. If you could go back and redo a financial decision in your life, what would it be?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Our hearts can be easily deceived by the desire for money. How have you seen that to be true in your life? Read 1Timothy 6:8-10 and consider how the desire for money and the "stuff" that money buys has pulled your heart away from what it truly desires – more of God?
3. Read Deuteronomy 8:17-18, 1 Chronicles 29:14-17, and Hebrews 2:10a. Describe how hard it is to live as though everything you have comes from and belongs to God.
4. Read Proverbs 30:8-9. How do you think a different financial situation would affect your relationship with Jesus? Be honest with yourself!
5. Where do you try to draw the line between enjoying what God gives you and living a life of self-indulgence?
6. In the sermon we heard about the freedom to be “spontaneously generous" with our money. How much do you feel that freedom? Why do you think that is?

Can you think of a story in which God gave you the resources to bless someone in a cool, unusual or even miraculous way?

What are some specific ways God might be calling you into a greater freedom with your money – to honor Him more with your money?

**Growth Group Prayer Requests:**