

Small Group News

Family Night (Rialto Menu: BBQ or Salad): Wednesday, October 30th

Baptisms: November 9th & 10th

Sunrise Up (Rialto): November 9th – Community Service Event

Night of Worship & Christmas Tree Lighting: November 24th

Pray for: Sunrise Up Event; Upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas Planning

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(Part 1) November 2nd & 3rd

INTRODUCTION:

Throughout the month of November, the sermon series will focus on God's call to generosity for His people as an act of worship and obedience.

The focus of the week: **A biblical view of money**

Opening Questions: When it comes to money, which is easier for you: spending, or saving? Did you grow up in a family with more, or less, resources and money?

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Share some takeaways from this week's message. What statements stood out to you? What principles caught your attention?
2. What has been your experience with church and money? Has it been positive or negative? Why are people so reluctant to discuss money in church?
3. According to Psalm 24:1, everything is the Lord's. Why is that such a threatening thought for many? Why do people have such a hard time giving up control to God?
4. Pastor stated that Jesus talked about money more than even hell and sex. Discuss why you think Jesus did this.
5. **Read Matthew 9:9-13 & Hosea 6:6** and discuss the significance of Jesus' words in regards to generosity and giving. What is most important when it comes to giving?

READ: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6. What is the law of sowing and reaping? How does this principle apply to generosity?

7. Why is it important to give freely and cheerfully? How does that compare to your own experience with giving? What are reasons people are not able to give in this way?

CONCLUSION

8. In what area of your life do you find it most difficult to be generous: your time, your finances, or your abilities? Why do you think that is?

9. How many of your expenses are automatically withdrawn from your account each month? Why do you suppose people who have automatic withdrawals would have a problem having a tithe/offering withdrawn that way?

10. Talk about some ways you can pray for one another as a group.