1. What is the first thing you would do if you suddenly inherited or won a bunch of money? Where do you most like to spend money? Hobbies? Toys? Travel? Eating out?
2. Read Luke 18:18-30. What does the ruler’s question (v.18) imply about his viewpoint on eternal life? What is Jesus saying with his response (v.19)? What issue is Jesus getting at with his challenge (v.22)? Why did the ruler respond the way he did (v.23)? What did Jesus reveal in the ruler’s life?
3. Since wealth was commonly considered to be a sure sign of God’s blessing in Jesus’ day, what was the problem for the disciples (v.26)? What is the way into the kingdom / the eternal quality of life that Jesus offers (v.27-30)?
4. *“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money*” (Matthew 6:24 NIV). How have you seen this truth lived out in your life, or the lives of others?
5. Jesus also says our heart and our treasure (money) will always be in the same place. What in your life gets your heart and your money? How do we know if we are loving God or loving our money? How does our life reflect this?
6. We talk about how money will always be God’s biggest competitor in your life. Do you agree with this? How is this true in your life?
7. *“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”* (1 Timothy 6:9-10 NIV). The Apostle Paul writes about the love of money being a root of
8. all kinds of evils. Where do these roots entangle you the most in life, and why?
9. If your finances don’t reflect your faith, what can you start doing this week to take steps towards putting your treasures towards God’s heart?
10. How might making an intentional plan toward getting out of debt and moving your giving toward a tithe (10%) serve as a demonstration of your faith and trust in God?