

## MONEY

*The Truth About Tithing – Matthew 6:19-24*

## Discussion Points

*February 4, 2018*

### Read & Reflect

1. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What is Jesus referring to when he mentions treasures on earth. What are treasures in Heaven? Is this an issue of what is the best investment or is there something else going on here? What do you think are Jesus reasons for saying, "You cannot serve both God and money."
2. Read Genesis chapter 1 and Psalm 24:1. On what basis can God claim that everything belongs to him? Don't you belong to yourself? What are the things you own that you worked hard for and purchased? Don't you own those things?
3. Read Deuteronomy 8:10-18. What would you say to a person that says I have worked hard and the things I have purchased and acquired are mine. What is God showing us about the relationship between our abilities and God's provision?

### Explore

#### **This world says:**

1. Life is about me
2. Life is about getting what I want
3. I can define what is true for me
4. Life is about my enjoyment

#### **What God Says:**

1. Life is about complete devotion to God
2. Life is living in submission to His will
3. God defines what is true for all of us for all time
4. We live for God's Glory

4. What has been your experience with Tithing?
5. The purpose of tithing is to put God \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives
6. Tithing \_\_\_\_\_ our heart to worship God
7. Tithing builds \_\_\_\_\_ towards God
8. How do you need to plan today so that you can be faithful in tithing?
9. What are the items that you are most attached to? How might those things compete with God in your life?

### Pray:

- In what ways are God challenging you to grow in your giving? Pray about them.