

CORE PRACTICES

Group Questions | May 7 | Week 4

OPENER

The five core practices we are covering in this series are

- The Lord's Supper
- Biblical Teaching
- Developing Healthy Relationships
- Presenting Tithes and Offerings
- Earnest Prayer

This week's message was on tithes and offerings. It's no secret that this topic is many people's least favorite. Why do you think there are so many unfavorable feelings and thoughts around this topic? Why do people struggle with it?

TRUTH

Read Acts 4:32-35.

What stands out to you the most when you read these verses? What comes to the surface of your thoughts?

What does it look like for us to live like this today?

What do you think the practice of giving a tithe/offering accomplishes in us?

Travis spent a good bit of time on the idea of greed. Do you think our culture at large struggles with greed? Do you think you personally struggle with greed?

Read the story of the Rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-25.

In reference to these verses, Travis said that Jesus wasn't telling the man that the thing he was missing was poverty. Instead, he was missing trust. Do you agree with this? Do you think that for some, giving more to God and the church will increase their trust in God?

APPLICATION

It was said this week that “Proximity to Christ will always be more satisfying than the accumulation of stuff.” Do you agree with this? And if so, how can we turn this into a reality in our lives?

Some have said our sins, particularly greed, are like a frog in a kettle. It doesn't realize the water is killing it until it's too late. How can we test our hearts for greed, and what can we do to rid ourselves of it?

PRAY