

**PERSPECTIVE:**  
**GOD'S VIEW OF MONEY**  
**Week 4: The Extra**  
**Small Group Participant Guide**

## **Group Time**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Pastor Dan told us that our culture points our eyes to that which we do not have, rather than what we do have. Ask each member to take out a piece of paper or pull up the list function on their phone. Start a two-minute clock during which each person can list as many blessings as possible. How many of the things we are thankful for go beyond our basic needs? Share a bit.
2. Keeping a sense of humor, how do you view your stuff? If comfortable, share: Do you easily loan it or give it away? Are there certain items no one can touch? How do you react when someone breaks something you own? Read Luke 8:14. How can we know whether we are guided in our finances by our culture or by God?
3. Why do we have trouble sharing our extra? Read Luke 12:22-34. What wisdom in these verses can help us in our willingness to share?
4. Read Matthew 25:34-40. Jesus told us in Luke 12:21 that when we store up treasure for ourselves, we are “not rich toward God.” According to Matthew, what does being rich toward God look like in practice?

## **Taking it Home**

### **Going Deeper**

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### **Memory Verse**

Philippians 2:3-4: “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

### **Personal Action Steps**

**1.** Pray about the extra you have been blessed with. Ask God to lead you to someone you can bless. Determine whether to do this activity as a group of 5 or more, smaller groups of 3-4 people, as couples or as individuals.

**2.** Is He leading you to help the poor, a family member, friend or neighbor? Follow God's lead! Go out and be the blessing you envision!

**3.** Tell somebody! And if you're in a Water of Life Small Group, tell your Small Group about your experience in next week's meeting. If you're not in a Small Group, find someone to tell about your experience; your prayer, what happened before and after the exchange and how the person was impacted.

**4.** How did the exchange change you and how has it changed your perspective about your extra?