



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Discussion Guide: Money Is the Root of All Evil
April 30, 2017

Opening Questions:

- What's the difference between money being the root of all evil, and the *love* of money being the root of all evil? Why is our position on money so important to God?
- Why does God give us money? If you were to attempt an answer to that question with a six-year-old, how would you do it? And if said six-year-old were to ask you if you actually use your money like your explanation lays out...what would you say?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-18**... How do our desires drive our direction? Take a quick inventory of your current place in life, what desires have driven you to this point?
- Would you say you crave money? Do you ever long for it? What are the most common ways we reveal our desire for money more than anything else? Since yachts and mansions aren't overly common, they don't count.
- Why can't acquisition be at the center of the Christian life? If good works and contentment are the precious commodities of the Kingdom, what does a life lived as a citizen of the Kingdom now, on earth, look like?
- Have you ever thought about not using your financial resources to honor God as sin? Have you ever thought about not doing *anything* as sin? How does this change the way you navigate your life?

Application Questions:

- This week's bottom line was **MONEY ISN'T THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL, OUR DESIRES ARE**. Money is neutral until our desires are applied to it. What else is neutral that becomes evil when we desire it?
- If Jesus said we're supposed to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind...does that really include our money? How so?
- With the challenge to give away \$10 this week, what was your initial reaction? Since you've had some time to think about it, how are you feeling now? What's your plan? Why is doing something like this important?
- The value of our commodities (no matter what they are) is revealed in what we give them up for. Do you agree? What have you been giving your time, energy, talent, and money up for lately that would show the value you have for them?

End your time together praying for one another, asking God to give you a heart for, and dedication to, using your money to honor him this week. Ask him to help you seize each opportunity to desire Him more than finances and ultimately make wealth something better.