

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

BLESSED

The Money Metaphor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Financial Life Class – Money. Greed. God . . . The Bible has a lot to say about these things, about the world we're living in today---and most importantly, what God's thoughts are about it all. Are you struggling with your budget? Do you feel trapped by your stuff? Unsure about how much to give? Then you don't want to miss RFL's *Adopting God's Principles for Handling Money!*

If you want to:

- Gain the knowledge you need to be worry-free
- Learn how to let God be the owner of all you have
- Understand what it means to be eternally rich and financially free

...then reserve your space now! Join Pastor Miles and the RFL Team!

You'll get an in-depth look at God's purpose, plan and principles for handling "Yo' Money"!

Learn scriptural foundations and practical steps toward living a life of contentment, including ideas on applying these principles to marriage and family life.

Adopting God's Principles for Handling Money starts Monday, April 18, runs for six weeks and meets in the Rock Sanctuary. Child care WILL be provided, please RSVP ahead of time for child care. The class is free; cost of materials is \$10.00. This is your last-chance to take this LIFE-CHANGING course in 2011.

Reserve your spot today <http://www.therocksandiego.org/army/#army-classes> or call the Stewardship ministry office at 619.764.5265.

Get financially fit and financially free God's way!

MEMORY VERSES

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
(Matt. 5:19-21 ESV)

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Getting Started

1. Review the 3 points of “The Money Metaphor” as listed in the lesson plan:
 1. Our hearts follow the cash. (cf. Matthew 6:21)
 2. God gets paid first. (cf. Exodus; Proverbs 3:9-10; 1 Corinthians 16:2)
 3. God blesses what is given. (cf. Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Chronicles 31:4-10; Romans 11:16)
2. What challenged you in your view of tithing and giving based on Pastor Miles’ sermon this week?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matt. 6:19-21 together as a group. Have everyone go around and identify what their “treasures on earth” really are. What are the things that cling tightly to in this life?
2. Jesus states in v. 20, “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” What are those treasures? Are they actual physical treasures, or would it be something else?

Review the following passages: Rev. 4:8-11; 2 Thess. 1:7, 2:14; Col. 3:4 (amongst many more).

3. Read Phil. 3:4-11 together as a group. What was Paul’s response to having money, power, and position in the worldly system?
4. How does this shape our view of giving up our money and resources to others? How does it also shape our view of what it means to be satisfied in Christ?