

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

SIMPLE: WEEK 3

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What was the last thing you bought as an impulse purchase? What motivated you to buy it? In what ways does our world encourage us to use money for selfish ends? In what ways does it encourage us to equate money with happiness?

We tend to think more is always better. How does having more money/stuff make us more anxious? How does it make our lives more complicated? How does having more actually make us more greedy? Why do you think money/possessions have this kind of counterintuitive effect on us?

Read Luke 21:1-4. Why did Jesus commend the widow's offering? What made her offering different from the others that day? What does this teach us about how Jesus views generosity? How does this compare with the way you think of it?

As Kyle pointed out, money is often held out as the ultimate idol in our world. In what ways does money promise to do what only God can do? How does money offer us identity/security/worth? Does money ultimately deliver on these promises? Why does it fall short?

Psalm 24:1 makes it clear that everything already belongs to God. Why (and how) do we get ourselves so convinced that it belongs to us? How can remembering God's ownership of everything help us practice generosity? What's one step you can take this week to help you remember that it all belongs to Him anyway?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. What does a "cheerful" giver look like? If you were being honest with yourself, what adjective would you use to describe your attitude toward generosity? What needs to change for you to become a more "cheerful" giver?