



small coloured pieces of paper

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Key Passage
Matthew 6:19-21
Mark 12:43-44
Luke 3:11

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any sections of scripture discussed that need more clarification? What stood out? What part(s) did you not understand? What part did you see in a new light?

Course Corrections

1. We started the year with **21 Days of Prayer**.
2. Then we re-rooted ourselves in understanding the Gospel, using Bruxy Cavey's **The Gospel In 30 Words**:
Jesus is God with us, come to show us God's love, save us from sin, set up God's kingdom, and shut down religion, so we can share in God's life.
3. We are in **21 Days of Gratitude** – an attitude of thanks can change how we view ourselves and others.
4. We saw the importance of doing life **together**.
5. We explored understanding that **our map is not the territory**.
6. Then we **unplugged** using the disciple or practice or prayer of examen: Recall – Gratitude – Grace – Review – Prayer.
7. We end today by looking at **small coloured pieces of paper**: money.

Read Matthew 6:19-21

- How do you store up treasures for yourself here on earth?
How do you store up riches for yourself in heaven?
- What do you think Jesus wants us to know about money – treasures – riches? Where is your heart?
- Two of the messages we learn early on about money are empathy and fear. Which one has shaped you more?
- Are you a person who thinks more in terms of scarcity or abundance?
- Would you describe yourself as a generous person? Why or why not?
- How is simplicity related to generosity?
- Do you find it difficult to give up something so that you can be generous?
- How do you respond to the C S Lewis quote *"If our charities do not pinch us or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures excludes them."*

Next Steps:

- What will you do this week (either first steps or next steps) to be a more generous person?
- Who could you invite in on that process to help you discern where the Spirit is leading you?
- Review the **course corrections** we have looked at. Which one(s) are you making a regular part of your life?

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