

# THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

living and loving like Jesus

**MONEY, sex & power**

**16 June 2019**

## **Key Scriptures**

Matthew 6:19-25, 31-33

Luke 14:33

1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19

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

## **Questions – Talking Points**

- Were there any parts that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?

## **Summary**

Our culture tells us that success means gaining more money and more possessions. But the Kingdom that Jesus summons us into rejects this system. In this message on “Money” Mike shows us that in God’s Kingdom, our treasure is stored up when we give it away.

## **Read Matthew 6:24-27, 31-33**

Mike mentioned that even those financially struggling in Canada are still among the world’s privileged.

- In what ways should this impact how we view ourselves and our money?
- How has the love of money and the need for certain possessions influenced your direction in life? And your goals?
- How could you pull these under the “King’s domain” as Mike discusses in this message?

Matthew’s gospel presents us with a picture of God that cares deeply for all our needs and desires to bless us.

- How does your image of God impact your attitudes toward finances?
- How does the understanding that God owns it all, we are stewards of it, impact your attitudes toward finances and possessions?
- If you were to do an audit with Jesus today, how would you honestly say you are doing in being rightly related to your finances? Where are your strengths? Where are your weaknesses?
- What is one step you could take today to get closer to the direction of the Kingdom?
- What are some things that may be stopping you from moving forward?

## **This Week**

- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Get connected to a group to think through this text & questions together. Or invite a couple of folks over for coffee to do this.
- This week we begin to read the Psalms: **Psalms 8-17**
- Develop the daily practice of **Read – Reflect – Pray – Live**

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