

## The Jesus Way 3

### Main Idea

When we choose to give generously of our resources, we grow to become more like Jesus.

### Starter

What is the best gift you've ever received?

### Discuss

What is a lesson you learned about money from the family you grew up in? (good or bad)

### Scripture

Have your group read [Matthew 6:19-34](#). Then, discuss:

- What does this passage show you about Jesus and what He wants for and from us?
- How does this passage encourage or challenge you personally?

Pick someone to read each of the following Biblical passages and principles.

- [Psalm 24:1-2](#): The Cosmic Owner principle- God owns everything and nothing you have is yours.
- [Deuteronomy 8:3-7](#): The Stewardship principle- we have the privilege of managing God's possessions.
- [Matthew 6:19-21](#): The Heart principle- my heart follows where I put God's money.
- [Proverbs 3:9-10](#): The First Fruits principle- give God your first and best.

Then, discuss:

- Which of these principles do you think is most counter-cultural?
- Which of these is most difficult to live out? Why?
- Where are you in your journey of giving? Where would you like to be?

### Apply

Before you close your group, have everyone take a quiet moment to pause and ask the Lord:

- What is a way God is calling you to trust Him more fully?
- What is a step of faith He is leading you to take?

Partner up in groups of 2-3 to share what God spoke to you and spend time praying for each other as the Holy Spirit leads.