



[Jesus' Favorite Topic]

PURPOSE OF GROUP

Grow: Take next steps in our faith journey.

Invite: Make room for others to grow.

Support: Care and serve one another.

PRAY

CONNECT

- Just for fun: If you lived in ancient times what modern luxury would be hardest to live without?
- What would be the hardest thing for you to give up if Jesus asked you to?

READ MATTHEW 6:19-34

- What stuck out to you in the sermon/text this week?
- What earthly possessions/treasures do you view as the measuring stick that you use to determine how well you and others are doing in life?
- Explain how what you treasure reveals what your heart is really pursuing.

DISCUSSION (break up into men and woman)

- Why do you think money is an area that so frequently causes people trouble in life and relationships?
- **Generosity is:**
 - **...the natural response of gratitude.** How so? Since becoming a Christian, how has your giving changed?
 - **...an expression of trust in God.** Would you agree or disagree that the biggest competitor for your trust is your stuff? Why?
 - What is the hardest aspect about trusting God with your finances/giving?
 - Why are we as people so inclined to trust money rather than God?
 - **...how we collect treasure in heaven.** How are you doing with storing up treasures in heaven vs. storing up treasures on earth?

* There is nothing more important to give to than the mission of God. **What is the mission that God has given to his people and how does the church drive that mission?** *(the mission is to make disciples of all nations / God has chosen the church (the people of God) to be his hands, feet, and mouth in this mission)*

➔ **Why are some people hesitant to give to a church?**

➔ **Why is giving to the local church so important?** *(there is nothing more important than people connecting with God, people, and service)*

PRAY

SUGGESTED ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

(Below are three sets of accountability questions. My suggestion would be to break up into men and women and do one set of accountability questions every meeting or just do the top 3 below...

Top 3

- What has God been teaching/challenging you in this week through Scripture and prayer?
- When it comes to your relationships, what can we pray for you about?
- Are you holding on to anything you need to confess (*anger, lust, envy, anxiety, jealousy, bitterness*)?

— OR —

How's your relationship with God?	How's your relationships with others?	How's your heart?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How have you experienced God's love and goodness this week?• What has gotten in the way of your relationship with God this last week?• What has God been teaching/challenging you in this week through Scripture and prayer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are you angry/bitter/resentful toward anyone? Anyone you need to apologize to or reconcile with?• What have you done to serve, encourage, and lead your family/friends closer to God?• Who are you actively trying to share the love of God with? (Inviting to church, serving them, reaching out) (pick a new person every month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are you holding on to anything you need to confess? (<i>lust, lying, greed, anger, envy, pride, laziness, gluttony — I would use this question to talk about purity.</i>)• How has your anger/envy/anxiety/addiction shown up this week?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does that reveal what you're trusting in besides God?