



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	23.01.22	New Year, New You: Finance	
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ How many euphemisms can you think of for 'money'? e.g. dough, dosh... 		
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Why do you think we feel funny when talking about <i>money</i>? □ With whom would you feel comfortable discussing your cash flow or money? 		
 Read	Luke 16:1-13	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ What is the purpose of money? □ How do you think value or worth is assigned by those who don't know Jesus? How do you, honestly, assign value to people - be aware that this can be a subconscious choice; it's worth stopping to consider! How does this compare with the Bible's view? □ Do you see money primarily as a way to bless others or as something necessary for yourself? Can you think of practical examples? □ In the parable, Jesus advises his listeners to learn from the non-religious person: to put wealth to work. When and what have you learnt from those who don't [yet] know Jesus? □ When does money become meaningful for us as Christians? How can it have an eternal impact? What difference can this make to our attitudes to money? □ If we think of ourselves as the <i>manager</i> of our possessions and money rather than the <i>owner</i>, how could this influence our spending and the choices we make about buying stuff? □ What practical things can we do to remind ourselves that we <i>manage</i> rather than <i>own</i> our wealth? □ In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Paul echoes Jesus' parable, advising us not only to give generously but to do so joyfully rather than reluctantly. Why can we sometimes find this difficult to do? How does Jesus' parable help us to do this? □ If Jesus were to review your finances, would he nudge you to make changes? What would these be? 		
 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Read Luke 12: 22-34. Here Jesus is very direct and clear about what to and what not to do with our money. What do you find challenging here? □ How have you seen evidence of the truth that where our treasure is our hearts are too? 		

 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> What does this passage teach us about God? <input type="checkbox"/> What does this passage teach us about others? <input type="checkbox"/> What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
 Do	What one change could you implement from now in the way you use your money to give it eternal significance?
 Pray	Lord God, giver of good things, I thank you for every good and perfect gift that you have given me. Holy Spirit, please guide me to be wise and Christ-like in the way I use what you have given, especially money. Amen
 My questions:	

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