

SIMPLIFY

MONEY & POSSESSIONS

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For Starters

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. If you put everything you have in your apartment, condo or house on the front lawn, what would your reaction be?
3. What's your biggest challenge in honoring God with your wealth?

Digging In

1. Reread Exodus 16.
 - a. Why were they grumbling? (cf 15:22-16:3)
 - b. Manna was a provision and a test - what was the test? (v 4)
 - c. Why did God show His glory before He gave them food? (v 10)
 - d. What instructions did God give in regards to the manna? (vv 16-23)
 - e. What did they do with the excess? Look up 2 Corinthians 8:14-15.
 - f. How long did God provide the manna? (v 35)
2. What did John the Baptist tell people to do to get ready to meet Jesus? What is similar and what is surprising? Read Luke 3:10-14.
3. What did Jesus teach?
 - a. Matthew 6:19-21; 19:21
 - b. Luke 9:25
 - c. Mark 12:41-44
4. What did the church do?
 - a. Acts 2:45-47
 - b. 2 Corinthians 8:3-7, 9:8-11

Bringing It Home

1. What is your level of contentment today on a scale of 1-10? See Philippians 4:12-13.
2. What is God asking you to do to honor Him with your money and possessions? (cf Proverbs 3:9-10)
3. Talk about how you can spur each other on to grow in this area.

Resources

1. *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess* by Jen Hatmaker
2. *Counterfeit Gods* by Timothy Keller
3. www.everydollar.com - Free budget guide from Financial Peace University