

HOMELINK

March 13, 2022

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

- Matthew 11:19 (NLT)

ONE BIG THING: Jesus' followers love God more than money and the things it can buy.

REVIEW: Today we read Matthew 6:19-21, 24 and talked about money. We started with brainstorming what we would do or buy if we had unlimited money (worth asking– you get comical answers!). Then we talked about how it is really easy to love money, and especially the things that money can get us, in a way that competes with our love of God. This is because what we treasure– what we love– is tied to what is happening in our hearts. You can know what you really love the most by seeing what your heart wants and desires the most. And one thing the Bible warns we will most be tempted to want and desire more than God is money. So loving money pulls our hearts in a direction away from God, who should get all of our love.

The good news is, God can change our hearts to love him above all else. Because he loved us first, we are freed up to love him in return. And when we love God, we will realize that all other things, including money and the things it can buy, don't even compare. If we are focused on loving temporary things or money, we will find ourselves disappointed. Stuff doesn't satisfy, even if it might be exciting and fun at first. But a relationship with God will always satisfy.

Once we are satisfied in God, He teaches us how to use money in a way that doesn't threaten our love for him. So what does that look like? We want to focus our hearts on God first and foremost in all things. We want to love him more than money, and when we do that we will use money the way that God intended. We will be wise with our money...that is, be careful to use our things and our money in ways that will benefit others and bring glory to God.

SONGS:

"Jesus Came to Save Sinners" by The Village Church

"God Always Keeps His Promises" by Sovereign Grace Music

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

"Dear God, thank you for loving us first so that we are able to love you in return. Help us to love you with our whole hearts, and protect us from loving anything else more than you. Help us to view and use money in a way that shows the world that we love you the most. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."



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