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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



“After Further Review” SERIES OVERVIEW:

This is a 5 week series called “After Further Review”, where we will examine Jesus’ most famous sermon and evaluate our own responses along the way. We often find ourselves moving through life with priorities out of order, direction blurred, and assumptions about how life should turn out. Jesus was the master at challenging his disciples to live with a fresh start and a new focus. The Sermon on the Mount stands as a message that is countercultural to the world—a message where losing becomes our gain, weakness becomes our strength, love becomes our currency, and people become our investment. As followers of Jesus, how are we each doing in these areas? Think about the journey of faith like a football game...how many times would a referee look at our lives and throw out a yellow flag? Stay tuned...

"AFTER FURTHER REVIEW" WEEK 4



Community Group Icebreakers:

What comes to mind when you think of money and giving? Do any emotions come up? Why is it such a difficult topic to discuss?

Community Group Discussion Questions:

Jesus often taught using parables (stories with a point). Of Jesus' 38 recorded parables, 16 of them dealt with money and possessions. In addition, while the Bible addresses the issue of faith in 500 verses and prayer in an additional 500 verses, Jesus talks about money and possessions over the span of 2000 verses. Why do you think Jesus addresses money and possessions so much?

What is the connection, if any, between Jesus talking about money and His declaration that "He has come to give us life in he full?" (John 10:10)

Read Matthew 6:19-24.

It is not wrong to possess things; however, it is wrong to let things possess you. Discuss how materialism can enslave you in the following ways.

Heart / Matthew 6:19-21

Mind / Matthew 6:22-23

Will / Matthew 6:24

If you had an infinite supply of money, what would you do? How does the fact that God, your heavenly father, has an infinite supply of money impact your thinking?

Read Malachi 3:8-11

In most situations God warns us not to test him. Why this exception?

In light of Malachi 3:11, how did tithing demonstrate God's faithfulness?

How does this truth affect your attitude about your possessions and giving to God?

How is God the perfect example of giving? What can you do to follow his example?

Some say that since Jesus did not explicitly command His followers to Trust His Father through tithing, that tithing is simply an Old Testament practice that is no longer part of God's desire for His followers. How does that idea stack up against what Jesus is communicating in Matthew 23:23?

After hearing Jesus' words in Matthew 23:23 (and in light of the 2000 verses where He speaks directly to money and possessions), what do you think He would say to you in regards to giving?

Read Rob's two takeaways below and discuss how you have observed these realities in your life:

#1 If money defines you, it will destroy you.

#2 If Jesus defines you, He will direct you.

God often provides in unexpected ways. Share an example when God proved his faithfulness through provision or protection.

Reread Matthew 6:19-21.

What does it mean to store up treasures in Heaven?

How have you witnessed the generosity of North Metro Church and the people of NMC impact the community and the world around us?

If you had to summarize in one idea what God is impressing on you from this message, what would it be?

For further discussion, take some time to prayerfully consider the answers to the diagnosis questions from Rob's message:

- After Further Review, are you someone who treasures treasures?
- After Further Review, can God trust you with His resources?
- After Further Review, what or who has your heart?