



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## UNCHAINED FROM CASH

### GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

What is something that is valuable to you that cannot be replaced?

What is something that you have that no matter how much money you were offered, you would never give up?

### QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

In what ways does money "over promise, but under deliver"?

In what way have you seen the love of cash/money destroy people's lives and undermine their faith?

Where does cash become a chain that keeps us tied to the worries of this life?

Dave said cash is critical, but it is not King. Why is this important?

Dave said that we can break the chain of cash when we reframe our perspective...

1. When we begin to see money as an insecure investment (Matt. 6:19-20)
2. When we begin to understand it as a bad place to expect a good ROI. (Matt. 6:19-20)
3. When we invest in what will satisfy your deepest need (Matt. 6:21)

Which of these points resonates most with you? Why?

How could you envision developing a Biblical vision of your cash impact your spiritual life and walk with Christ?

### EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Matthew 6:19-24]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

Where did Jesus urge His followers not to "store up treasures"? Why? (6:19)

Why did Jesus discourage stockpiling things? (6:19)

What can happen to a person's material possessions? (6:19)

Where did Jesus encourage us to invest our wealth? Why? (6:20)

Why is heaven a better place to "bank" than earth? (6:20)

What does the location of a person's treasure say about that person? (6:21)

What is described as the "lamp of the body"? How is this so? (6:22)

What is the result of "good eyes"? (6:22)

When will people's lives be full of darkness? (6:23)

What did Jesus say about serving two masters? (6:24)

Why did Jesus say we cannot serve two masters? (6:24)

What two masters did Jesus mention in this context? Why? (6:24)

## **QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT**

How can we determine where our treasure is (and thus where our hearts are)?

What sort of things does cash, and money represent? Why does Jesus reference money so often in His teaching?

How does what we focus on, our thoughts gravitate to impact our spiritual vision?

What masters most often fight for your loyalty? How can loyalty to cash/money impact both our relationship with others and with God?

In what ways do you serve money?

In what ways can money be something that works for you, rather than you working for it?

Why is giving an important spiritual practice in helping us keep our hearts focused on the eternal?

## **APPLY THE PASSAGE**

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?