



## Money Shouldn't Make You Miserable

### Part 1: *The Money Talk You Keep Avoiding*

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#### **Big Idea**

If you're not trusting Jesus with your money, are you really trusting Jesus?

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#### **Key Scriptures**

- **Mark 10:17–31**
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#### **Discussion Questions**

- What's one money lesson you remember learning from your family growing up?
- How uncomfortable did you get during the opening exercise of taking out your bank card and (almost) sharing your passwords with a stranger? What does that discomfort reveal to you about people and money?
- What emotions do you feel when the topic of money comes up in church or spiritual conversation?
- Read Mark 10:17-31.
- How does the man approach Jesus? What does that tell us about his heart?
- Why do you think the rich young ruler's response to Jesus' command to sell all he had was to walk away? Can you relate to his reaction in any way?

- Jesus looked at the rich young man and loved him before making his request. How does this “gaze of love” impact your understanding of Jesus’ instructions about money and possessions? What might have happened if the wealthy young influencer never broke the gaze?
  - The rich young man kept all the commandments, yet Jesus said he lacked one thing. How does this challenge the notion that good deeds or moral behaviour alone are enough in our relationship with Christ?
  - Jesus talks about how difficult it is for the rich to enter the kingdom. What makes wealth such a spiritual barrier?
  - Chris said, “He broke the gaze.” What does it mean to you to “break the gaze” with Jesus? Have you ever done that?
  - In what areas of your life are you trusting Jesus — and where are you holding back?
  - How does fear, pride, or pressure affect your relationship with money?
  - What would it look like to “trust Jesus with your money” this week? What might change?
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### **Challenge Question (For Takeaway):**

**Don’t break the gaze. Spend time each day this week asking:**

“Jesus, what do you want me to see when it comes to the money I’ve been entrusted with?”