

Session 6: The Rival

Overview: This Sunday we continued our talk titled “The Real Jesus”. We live in a world where culture, social media and self created versions of Jesus are often what people follow, when we are to follow the Jesus of the Bible and who He is through reading scripture and His own words, not a version we've created, because the real Jesus is worth following. The Real Jesus teaches us that money can become a rival to God when we place our trust, security, or identity in what we have rather than in Him. As followers of Jesus we are called to break the rivalry and crush greed in our lives through generosity, sacrificial giving, wise stewardship, and seeing our resources as tools for worship and advancing God's kingdom.

This Week: JESUS, MONEY, AND SURRENDER

Read through this week's scriptures from the churchwide Bible reading plan as a group and discuss.

Key Scripture:

- **Luke 12:13-34 - “ Your Life Does Not Consist In Your Possessions”**
- **Mark 10:17-31 - Jesus And The Rich Young Ruler**
- **Matthew 23:23-24 - Jesus Talks About Tithing**
- **Mark 12:41-44 - Jesus Watches People Give**
- **Matthew 6:19-34 - Jesus Says You Can't Serve God And Money**
- **Luke 16:1-13 - Jesus Tells A Strange Stewardship Story**
- **Luke 16:19-31 - A Rich Man Goes To Hell**

Discussion Questions:

- What do the scriptures read show us about what Jesus is actually like?
- Is there anything about Jesus in these passages that surprises, challenges, or bothers you?
- Is there a version of Jesus I have created that these passages confront?
- If this is really who Jesus is, what does following Him require of us?