

SAY WHAT?

Discussion Notes

SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS

It might be helpful to mention to your Hub that we want to support people in financial difficulty. That could be just praying for people in your Hub and supporting each other on a smaller scale, or it might be that people need help from the fund Metro has set aside for people in specifically difficult circumstances. Do get in touch with Kate if this is the case.

This week we are talking about money.

- Philip said 'faith and finance are inextricably linked' - do you agree? If so, what is the link between money and faith in our lives?
- What is your reaction to the church talking about money?
- 1 in 10 verses in the gospels are about money - why is it important that we talk about money?

Read Mark 10:17-29

The rich young ruler had everything that you could want to be happy, and yet he is still searching for more when he sees Jesus.

- Do you see this in your friends or even in yourself? When have you seen evidence of the rich young ruler who is still looking for something more in today's society?

Mark 10:22-25 talks about how we money can have a hold on us.

- How can we find freedom in our finances?
- Philip said that generosity and giving is a spiritual discipline just like prayer and reading scripture. How can we develop this discipline?

Philip shared a story of how generosity with the small things (his £10) helped set him free and realise the power of giving. His small gift helped build hundreds of churches.

- How could we use our finances to be 'stakeholders in the Kingdom of God' as Philip described it? What can we do practically to use our finances for good?

Finally, you might want to touch on what giving to Metro looks like:

- **Predetermined** - so we decide ahead of time what we are going to give rather than just seeing what is left at the end of the month. Normally this looks like regular giving, even if it's just a small amount
- **Personal** - it is between you and God as a personal discipline, just like prayer and scripture.
- **Proportional** - we give a percentage of our income so that as our income changes, so does our giving.

If people would like to start giving to Metro regularly, the link is woodlandsmetro.church/giving