

Tales of the UNEXPECTED

4. Riches, Unexpected | Discussion Notes

Read Matthew 11 v 28-30 together.

Matt started by talking about how sometimes the way of the world can feel heavy. We'd like to think that Jesus would give us ways to rest from this heaviness, but in reality he gives us something so much better – he gives us a different lighter way to work and live.

- What jumps out to you most from this passage?
- Is your faith feeling heavy or light at the moment? Why do you think that is?

There are two ways to ease money worries – get more money or learn the way of Jesus. Matt talked about three ways that we can learn the way of Jesus with our money.

1. PROVISION. Read Luke 11 v 1-12.

- What does praying for daily bread look like in your situation? Do you trust God as your Father to provide you with what you need?

2. WISDOM. Read Luke 12 v 13-32.

- Where do you see people believing the lie that 'life consists in an abundance of possessions'?
- How can we as a hub encourage each other to make sure we are not slipping into believing that lie?

3. COURAGE. Read Mark 10 v 17-27.

- Verse 21 says 'Jesus looked at him and loved him' and this is then followed by telling him to sell all of his possessions. How is Jesus being loving here?
- What do you think it would feel like to live freely with your money and possessions and be able to give them away?

Read Mark 12 v 41 – 44

- What thought process do you think the woman went through before putting all she had into the offering? What was going on in her heart?
- Matt said that she could give like this because she trusts that God, 'Jehovah Jireh' will Provide. How do you think we can grow in our understanding of God as provider, so that we can be more courageous with our money?

Take some time to pray for one another. Pick one of the words we focused on this week and ask God to help you in that area with your money.

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