

# Jesus, Luke, and Money: Jesus doesn't make it easy

(Luke 10:25-37)

## Welcome (10 mins)

Can you think of a time in your life where you received unexpected generosity?

## Worship (10 mins)

Song: [Gratitude \(chords\)](#)

## Word (30 mins)

Jesus' double command of "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind", and "Love your neighbour as yourself" is at the heart of his teaching on money. For instance, the word 'strength' can also be translated 'wealth'. In other words, how we love God and our neighbour is inseparable from how we relate to our finances. This parable gives us great insight into how we actively love our neighbour.

1. What examples of generosity can you see from the Samaritan towards the man who fell into the hand of robbers?

2. How does the insight that 'strength' can be translated to include our wealth impact our understanding of the double love command?
3. What is the motivation for the Samaritan man's generosity?
4. In v.36, Jesus asks the question "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour?" can also be translated "*has become* a neighbour." How does this challenge us in living out Jesus' double love command?
5. How is generosity an interruption into our lives? When has someone else's generosity to you made the biggest impact?

## Wonder (5-10 mins)

What has God been stirring in you as you have gone through this study? Where are you feeling stirred to love with what you have at this time?

Take some time to pray for each other and bless each other as we commit this week to loving God with every part of our being?

## Witness (5-10 mins)

We have been in the process of looking for and interviewing candidates for a new finance person at CCK. As a Church we long to love God with our wealth. Take a moment to pray for whomever may be joining the staff team and for Matthew Dunbar, our new treasurer. Pray that they would help enable us as a church to love well with our finances.

# Jesus, Luke, and Money: The disciples & money (Luke 18:18-30; 19:1-10)

## Welcome (10 mins)

If you could pick an ideal height, how tall would you be?

## Worship (10 mins)

Sing: [Trust in God](#) (Chords)

## Word (30 mins)

1. List the similarities and differences between the Rich young ruler and Zacchaeus
2. Contrast Jesus' approach to the different men.
3. How does their response to Jesus uncover what is really going on in their hearts?
4. Considering Jesus' statement about the difficulty for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God (v.24), how do we see that it is in fact possible in the case of Zacchaeus?
5. Which of these two men do you identify with?

## Wonder (5-10 mins)

Reflect on how Jesus had incredible insight into each of their hearts. Is your heart open to his gaze today?

## Witness (5-10 mins)

Where did Jesus first find you? How did he get you to join him? What wrongs did you need to make right?

Take some time as a group sharing your testimony. Who are you going to share it with this week?

# Jesus, Luke, and Money: Us & money (Luke 12:13-21; 16:1-15)

## Welcome (10 mins)

What did you like to collect as a child? Now?

## Worship (10 mins)

Sing: [Trust in God](#) (Chords)

## Word (30 mins)

Read Luke 12:13-21

1. After Jesus' response, how do you think the man who asked Jesus to settle the dispute with his brother felt?
  - a. Like slinking back into the crowd
  - b. Upset his dispute wasn't settled
  - c. Ashamed of his greed
  - d. Mad he was used to make a point
2. What is Jesus warning people of in this passage?
3. If someone had to look into *your* storeroom what would they find there?

Read Luke 16:1-15

4. What does the manager do in hearing the master is taking away his job? (v3), Why does the manager do this?
5. What does the master commend the manager for?
6. What warnings does Jesus give about greed in these two passages?

7. What promises do we see for those that are trustworthy with their possessions?

## Wonder (5-10 mins)

Take some time to reflect on these passages. Invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you and take note of anything he is saying or putting on your heart.

## Witness (5-10 mins)

In light of Jesus' stark words: "You cannot serve both God and money", brainstorm as a group what practical changes you can make in your life to be more of a servant to God. Here are some ideas:

- Increase your tithing percentage each month to the church ([cck.org.za/give](http://cck.org.za/give))
- Start giving to one of our outreach partners
- Acts of generosity towards those in your neighbourhood (eg. invite them over for a meal)