

KINGDOM NOMICS ✨

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — Week 2 —

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group or Bible class.

Jesus talked a lot about money, not because he wanted money, but because he wanted disciples. And Kingdomnomics is a required course in the school of discipleship. When we manage what we've been entrusted with for the sake of the mission of God it's not only a wonderful way to truly live but a powerful vaccine against greed.

1 Read **Luke 12:15**. Jesus says life is not measured by what one owns, but it seems like that is the main way the world measures life. How do we guard against the pressure to do the same?

2 **KINGDOMNOMICS 201: Manage God's "trust fund."** Stewardship is the first command in the Bible (see **Genesis 1:28**). We are to actively and responsibly manage God's creation for God's purposes. We are God's stewards, managing what He has loaned to us. How does it change our thinking when we see ourselves as entrusted rather than entitled?

3 **STEWARD EVERYTHING!** Read **Matthew 25:31-46**. With this parable in mind along with the example of the rich fool in Luke 12 and the rich man in Luke 16 talk about the implications of this statement: "My use of money will not get me into heaven; but my use of money can keep me out of heaven." What can we learn from these parables?

4 **My use of money can put treasure in heaven.**

The wise and the foolish both die, but the fool leaves everything behind in a barn. Read **Matthew 6:19-21**. What are some tangible ways that we can put our treasure in heaven? Was Jesus appealing to our self-interest when he encouraged us to do so?

5 Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. Why is it dangerous to put our hope in wealth and why is it better to put our hope in God? What is this text saying about true life?

6 Read **Matthew 19:28-29**. Our gospel is not about escaping the world; it is about joining the mission of God in renewing the world. **The way we use money can bring heaven to earth.** Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

ACTION STEP *The Bible ends with "I am making everything new," and as a church of stewards we witness to that coming reality. We are not just marching into heaven, but we are managing God's trust fund so that we can march into the world and give the nations a taste of heaven. That is what **Harvest Weekend** is all about. Take a look at the website harvestweekend.org and pick one ministry supported by Harvest (spend the week really learning more about it). Pray daily for the people we support there and for how you will contribute to help us reach our goal of \$2,042,288 next weekend.*