

KINGDOM NOMICS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 3

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.

The reason churches should talk about money is because Jesus did. The reason Jesus talked about money is because he wants our hearts and our hearts go wherever we put our treasure. You can follow the money to discern who is serious about following Jesus.

1 KINGDOMNOMICS 301: Stewardship needs constant intention. “No one drifts into stewardship.” Why is that so? What factors in our culture make intention critical to faithful stewardship?

2 SO DO SOMETHING...to get out of financial bondage. Debt as a lifestyle hinders one's capacity to live fully in the kingdom of God. **Read Proverbs 21:5 & 22:7.** How should Christians feel about indebtedness? When might it be appropriate, and what are the assumptions and dangers that come with debt that might be toxic to faith?

3 SO DO SOMETHING...to protect your heart from “money lies.” Jesus knew that nothing has the potential to become a god-substitute like money. **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.** What is the lure of desiring to be rich, and what are some of the biggest lies that money promises but does not deliver?

4 SO DO SOMETHING...to support the mission of your church. Rick mentioned that he has always stewarded his finances by two convictions: *I should give first to my local church, and my gift to my church should at least be a tithe.* **Read 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6; and 1 Timothy 5:17.** What place should supporting one's church family have in prioritizing one's giving? Why?

5 SO DO SOMETHING...to model the joy of generosity to others. One reason God loves cheerful giving is because it spreads cheer to others. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:7.** Share a testimony with your group of a “giving warrior” you have known. Why do you think they could give so cheerfully?

6 SO DO SOMETHING...to teach your kids about God and money. Do not pass chains on to your children. **Read Ephesians 6:4.** What are the most important things to tell our kids about money? What are the most important things to tell our heirs about our estate?

7 SO DO SOMETHING...to ensure that your “barn” honors God when you die. Your stewardship decisions, whether wise or foolish, will outlive you. **Read Luke 12:20.** Will what God has loaned to you honor Him after you die?

8 SO DO SOMETHING...to witness to the absurdity of grace. God made the first move in generosity. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.** Christianity is founded on an act of absurd generosity. How should that truth impact our stewardship?