

Series: As we move from the series “I Want to Know What Love Is”, we begin this new 6-week series by looking at “Why Jesus” and what it means to have a Kingdom of God Worldview. Then we shift to understanding ourselves to be Christ in the world and what it means to live sacrificially as citizens of the Kingdom of God and yet participants in the material world. Life gets real sometimes, and things get tight. What are we as Christians supposed to do with our resources of time, emotions, and money?

Small Group Tools:

- Weekly 8-12 Minute Video
- Scripture Readings & Reflection Questions for Discussion
- For guidance/direction/help in addressing challenges you may be facing: Coaching available (jeff@pathway.church)

Suggested Small Group Order:

- Informal Fellowship as group members arrive with snacks or meal together (food is good!!)
- Check-in and/or Relationship-building question
- Prayer (for newer groups, always best to ask someone privately beforehand)
- Watch Video
- Discuss video and share responses to Reflection Questions
- Invite group members to share a take-away or personal/group action step
- Closing Prayer (be sure to ask group members how the group can be praying for each other)

Do's and Don'ts:

- DO be flexible... rigidity is not a friend to intimacy and relational growth
- DON'T be afraid to allow questions related to the lesson outside of the suggested ones
- DO encourage group members to read daily life steps
- DON'T forget to read Missional Small Groups by M. Boren if you haven't already!
- DO HAVE FUN TOGETHER!!

“Running On Empty: Money”

Getting Connected: **Philippians 4:10-12**

This is the week of Thanksgiving, are you currently living in a season of need or plenty? Explain

Haggai 2:8; Psalm 24:1; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Colossians 1:16: How do these passages impact how you view your wealth and possessions? How does the statement “God is the owner of everything” challenge you?

I Timothy 6:3-10, 17-19: What verse from this passage challenges you the most? If asked, would any of your family or friends say you ever place money, possessions or the pursuit of wealth before relationships? Explain. Refer to the message notes if needed; are you “long” or “short” on faith? Explain. How does your lifestyle reveal that your ultimate hope is in God?

Malachi 3:6-12: When in your life have you felt far from God? What prompted your return? What does repentance mean to you? What priorities (time, emotions, and money) in your life need reordering? Is

tithing hard or easy for you? Explain. How can the group be praying for you as the family and financial pressures of the holidays begin to ensue.