

## TRANSFORMATION

## **OPENING QUESTIONS -** *Use one or both of these questions to connect with others in your group:*

- 1. If you won the lottery, how would you live differently?
- 2. They say... don't talk about money, sex, or politics. Why do you think people are uncomfortable discussing money?

# KEY POINTS - *take a minute to review the key points from this weekend's message*

- 1. BAG MINDSET
  - **a.** It seems like everything that goes IN the bag --- just comes OUT OF THE BOTTOM of the bag!
  - **b.** Many people are more concerned about what's IN THE BAG --- than obeying and honoring God.

#### 2. BASKET MINDSET

- a. This is the person who believes that God is an Abundant God and we can trust Him.
- b. We didn't come out of our mother's womb like NATURAL BORN GIVERS, right? We came out NATURAL BORN TAKERS

## 3. BARN MINDSET

- a. The person with a BARN mindset knows that God is infinitely more than enough and more than able.
- b. God can do more with 90% that is blessed than with 100% that is not blessed.
- c. The chief competitor with God is money. It's the chief competitor for your heart.

# SCRIPTURES USED IN THIS MESSAGE: Romans 12:2; Acts 20:35; Proverbs 11:23-25; Haggai 1:6; Deuteronomy 28:4-6, 8; Proverbs 3:9-10

## RESPOND

Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck with you. Give a brief reason for why these things stuck with you.

How much money would you need to **accumulate** so that you could be fearless?

What would you do differently today if you were financially fearless?

**Prov 3:9-10 says**, "Honor the Lord with your wealth..." and "... then your barns will be filled to overflowing." Many of us would like to flip this around. We wish we could say --- "*Okay God fill my barns and then I will honor you*." Why do you think the order is important?

#### Read Matthew 6:19-21

What is one heavenly treasure that you desire?

What is one earthly treasure that you desire?

#### Read Matthew 6:24

Jesus is pretty clear... choose God or choose money! Why do you think he draws a line in the sand on money?

Jesus knows this is hard to do and hard to understand, so he provides some guidance to help us TRANSFORM our heart and our mind... **Read Matthew 6:25-33** 

What do you worry about?

Why do you think it is so hard for us to trust God to meet our needs?

Which is easier for you - trusting God to meet your needs or letting go of your wants?

Our culture makes a biblical view of money difficult. A recent Verizon AD uses this song by Queen - "I want it all... I want it all... I want it all... and I want it now!"

What step can you take to move away from the "I want it all/now" culture to move closer to trusting God?

## APPLY

Which of the three mindsets are you living in when it comes to money?

How do you think God wants to transform your mindset?

#### PRAY