

CRISIS OF FAITH STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 4: WHAT'S IT GONNA COST ME?

Primary Passage: Luke 18:18-30

Related Passages: 1 Timothy 6:8-10, Matthew 6:24-33, Matthew 13:44-46

“America’s (most) at-risk group is preteens and teens from affluent, well-educated families. In spite of their economic and social advantages, ‘children of affluence’ experience among the highest rates of depression, substance abuse, anxiety disorders, somatic complaints, and unhappiness of any group of children. . . . Twenty-two percent of adolescent girls from financially comfortable families suffer from clinical depression. This is three times the national rate of depression for adolescent girls.”

- Madeleine Levine

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read Luke 18:18-30. Why did Jesus challenge the rich young ruler to give everything away? What did his response reveal about his heart?

- If Jesus said the exact same words to you that He said to this man, how would you respond? What does this reveal about our hearts?

Read 1 Timothy 6:8-10, Matthew 6:24 and 31-33. In practical day to day ways, what would someone’s life look like if they treasured and worshipped money more than God?

Read Matthew 13:44-46. In practical day to day ways, what would someone’s life look like if they treasured and worshipped Jesus more than money?

- In light of those two questions, where do you need to take steps of repentance?
- As a group, make a list of statements and questions to revisit and ask each other as a litmus test for whether we are worshipping Jesus or money. (Consider internal and external expressions of trusting Jesus with our money. Look for examples of proactive generosity like tithing and supporting missionaries as well as reactive times as God gives us the opportunity. 1 John 3:17)

Pray for Jesus to rescue us from the danger of the love of money.

Pray for Jesus to set us free to use money as a tool to worship Him and show off His generosity to the world.