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### Questions for Reflection/ Discussion:

1. How was money/possessions treated in your family? Were your parents savers? Spenders? Generous givers? Collectors? How do you think this affected you?
2. Jesus speaks about money as much as he talk about any other subject (11 of 40 parables are about money!). Why do you think Jesus talked so much about money to his followers? Why do you think we have such a difficult time talking openly about how we spend our money?
3. In the story, Jesus promises that those who make significant sacrifices will receive not only "treasure in heaven", but also "a hundred times as much in this present age" (10:30). What do you think he means? Have you experienced the truth of his words?
4. In their book, *The Paradox of generosity*, social scientists Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson state, "People rightly say that money cannot but happiness, but money and happiness are still related in a curious way. Happiness can be the result not of spending more money on oneself, but rather, on giving money away to others. The data examined here show this not only to be a nice idea, but a social scientific fact." Share about a time when you felt happier and more fulfilled as a result of generously giving your money away.
5. All of us have a different story and experience when it comes to giving/generosity/ money. Ask a few willing people to share their own giving story (as it relates to giving, in general, and to our capital campaign, in particular). What has God taught them through the experience?



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Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. What is the difference between a steward and an owner?
2. Why do you think Jesus taught us to view ourselves as stewards?
3. What are the implications of this for your own life?
4. The generations who have gone before us have entrusted us with a beautiful property and buildings in the heart of Sierra Madre. Have you ever considered yourself as a steward of these resources? What are the implications for us?









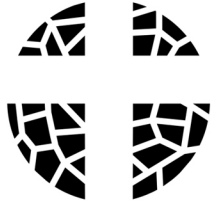












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