

Next Steps

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.

No one stumbles into discipleship or accidentally begins to follow Jesus better. NEXT STEPS outlines the priorities and strategies of The Hills Church to help make and grow followers of Jesus. What's your next step?

1 Jesus spoke about money more than any other subject except the kingdom of God. What are a few of the sayings or parables by Jesus on the subject of money? Why does Jesus devote so much attention to money?

2 Read Matthew 6:24. When Jesus said a person cannot serve God and money, do you think he meant that it was unwise, or that it was impossible? Explain.

3 GENEROSITY IS A FAITH STEP. It demands trusting in the faithfulness of God. **Read Matthew 6:33.** What does it look like to trust God and seek the kingdom first?

4 Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-4. Studies consistently show those with little tend to be more generous than those with much. Why do you think generosity tends to decrease as wealth increases?

5 GENEROSITY IS A HOPE STEP. It is a way of investing in eternity. **Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19.** Rick contrasted the cultural understanding of “the good life” with Paul’s understanding of the good life. How would you describe the differences between the two?

6 GENEROSITY IS A LOVE STEP. The way we steward our resources shows that we love God and love people. And it all starts with God’s generosity to us. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and Romans 8:32.** How is the cross a motivator for generosity?

7 Read Matthew 6:21. Where my money leads, my heart follows. How does money influence your relationship with God? How can you be intentional in using money to draw your heart closer to God?

