

**Sermon date:** 11/11/2018**Speaker:** Albert Tate & Michael Lee**Title:** God and Money**1. CONNECT** *Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.*

Last week, Pastor Albert talked about the invitation to experience God's wonder through sacrifice and action. How were you intentional about experiencing God's wonder this week?

**2. ENGAGE: SERMON REVIEW + DISCUSSION****Read the Scripture Passage . Recap of the Message.**

Read Luke 18:18-25 together as a LifeGroup.

Pastor Albert said that our giving is a response to God's love towards us. Jesus wants to replace our treasure with His treasure. We see this with God's heart, God's math, and God's blessing.

**Discussion Questions**

1. *God's Heart:* Oftentimes, we are willing to trust God with our soul, but not trust God with our money. Jesus wants us to know Him as *source*, but He wants to trust us as *steward*. Do you see yourself as a steward of God's resources? In what ways do you trust God with your soul but not the other areas of your life?
2. *God's Math:* Pastor Michael encouraged us to see the distinctions between "testing" and "trusting" God (Malachi 3:10-11) with our tithes. When we give sacrificially to God, he gives back to us in even greater measure. You can't out-give God. Have you engaged this kind of giving before? What stands in the way of you experiencing the "abundance" (overflow) of God?
3. *God's Blessing:* God doesn't measure the amount, he measures the heart. Pastor Albert said, "Sacrifice comes from the heart. Giving needs to be rooted in love." How does this statement resonate with you or challenge you?

**3. APPLY: NEXT FAITHFUL STEP**

- As you reflect on the interaction of the rich young ruler and Jesus, how can you lean into Jesus' invitation of abundance and love?
- How you personally and financially trust God with your money in this season?

**4. PRAYER**

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray specifically for next week ("Commitment Sunday"), and for your own individual and communal financial commitment as a LifeGroup. Pray for God's ongoing work in and through you to unleash compassion and hope into the world.