



Series: What Different Does

Title: A Different Economy

Prov. 22:7, Phil. 4:19, Mal. 3:10, Acts 20:35, 1 Tim. 6:10

Allow time for the group to share any insights/stories from the past week related to A Different Family?
You may want to prime the pump with discipleship vs discipline; shoulder to shoulder vs nose to nose

Ask, What are some things you value?

What are things God values?

God values all people.

And in all people God values humility. (Matthew 5 - Meek, poor in heart, generosity)

God's value system is different

Philippians 4:19 ESV

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Paul reminds us that God will supply all we need.

Other value systems (the world) are never enough. wants vs needs

How can we determine what is a want and what is a need?

God's view of money is different

Money drives so many of our decisions. How can we move towards a life that sees money as God does?

Proverbs 22:7 ESV

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Malachi 3:10 ESV

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Remind the group of the 10-10-80 principle. 10% tithe. 10% save. 80% spend on bills/living expenses.

1 Timothy 6:10 ESV

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Explore this thought - "God doesn't use money as a metric of success but as a diagnostic of the heart"

God's investment strategy is different

God invests in those that He values and He invests in all people.

How does God invest in those who want to surrender? He blesses and provides for the humble.

How does God invest in the proud? Not with blessing and provisions but in lessons by humiliating them. He smashes the idols.

Encourage the humble and discourage the proud to reveal to them their need of him.

Acts 20:35 ESV

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Lead a discussion on, How might we live on less?

How have you experienced God investing in you? Since God invests in people, Who are you going to invest in starting today? What that might look like in your week this week?

Take prayer requests and allow time for prayer.