

Message Discussion Guide

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Title: I Wish I Knew | Money Doesn't Grow On Trees | Brad Dreibelbis

Connect with Each Other:

Icebreakers

- If money did grow on trees, what would be the first thing you'd buy with it?
- What's a financial lesson you learned from your parents or mentors that has stuck with you?
- How do you feel when someone else picks up the tab or buys something for you?

Pray Together

Heavenly Father, we come before You today, grateful for the opportunity to gather in Your name and discuss the truths You have for us. As we dive into the topic of money and how it affects our lives, help us to align our hearts with Your wisdom. Open our minds to understand how we can use what You've entrusted to us to impact others and build eternal treasures. Guide our discussion today, and may it lead us closer to trusting You in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen

Connect with God:

Key Bible Verses

Luke 16:10-13 (NIV)

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Message Summary

In Pastor Brad's message, he emphasized that while money doesn't grow on trees, it does have the power to grow our eternity. Jesus spoke about the importance of being shrewd with our financial resources, using them not just for ourselves but to benefit others and build eternal friendships. Pastor Brad challenged us to reflect on how we manage money and consider if we're serving money or serving God with it. True financial freedom comes from using our present position to set up our future spiritual success.

Sticky statement

Money doesn't grow on trees. Money grows our eternity.

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from today's message about money and how it impacts our lives?
2. Jesus told the parable of the dishonest manager who used his position to secure his future. How do you think this story applies to how we manage our finances today?
3. Pastor Brad said, "Money doesn't grow on trees, but money grows our eternity." What does this mean to you? How does your financial management reflect this principle?
4. Jesus teaches that we cannot serve both God and money. In what ways might money have too much control in your life, and how can you shift that focus?
5. In the message, Brad talked about using our money to benefit others and make friends. When was the last time you used your money for someone else? How did that make you feel?