

# TAKEAWAY

## Money

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

### INTRODUCTION

Whether you're an avid shopper, an ardent saver or an awesome struggler, we can't avoid money. The Bible stresses the positive and negative aspects of money, making it clear that falling in love with money can lead to spiritual decay.

#### OPEN

Why don't we talk about money very much?

#### READ

Proverbs 8:18-21

Proverbs 4:6-8

#### EXPLAIN

In Proverbs (an Old Testament book full of pithy wise sayings) the writer, King Solomon, imagines wisdom as a highly attractive person. So when you read 'I' and 'me' in this passage, you're reading about wisdom.

#### DISCUSS

1. What is the relationship between wisdom and money according to Solomon? Beware, there's lots of word play going on here! For example: is

wisdom of higher value than money? And what do you think he means by 'riches'?

#### READ

Matthew 25:14-30

#### DISCUSS

2. What does this passage tell us about money?  
3. There's the temptation to 'spiritualise' this passage to make it about evangelism. Do you think that's Jesus' point? What's the potential danger of taking money out of the equation when we read this story?

#### READ

Proverbs 27:23-27

#### DISCUSS

4. In Old Testament times savings were held in the form of

livestock. With that in mind, what can we learn about saving from this passage?

#### READ

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

#### DISCUSS

5. The Christians in Judea were having a hard time and were helped out by giving from believers in Macedonia. What attitudes did they show in their giving? Jesus discouraged showing off when we give (Matthew 6:1-4) but emphasised that we should still do it.  
6. What are the principles that underpin our giving, especially to the church?

#### PRAY

For our upcoming Gift Day.

