

## Discussion Guide



**Ice Breaker:** Is our current attitude toward money a new thing? Think about this story from John D. Rockefeller: “When asked once, ‘How much money is enough money?’ He replied, ‘Just a little bit more.’” Do you feel like you have enough money? If not, how much would it take for you to say yes? Why?

1. Read Matthew 6:25, 27-32. What’s the difference between worrying about money, and caring about it, or being a responsible steward? What does this passage reveal about God’s heart for us, His children? How should that affect our attitude about our finances?
2. Pastor Tom said that worrying about money reveals three things; a divided heart, wrong priorities and misplaced trust. What are some ways that these things have showed up in your life? How are you working through them? How has God helped you overcome them? (Matthew 6:24)
3. “God is Big Enough.” We know the *truth* of Matthew 6:25-34, yet there are things deep inside us which cause us to hesitate and want to trust in ourselves at the same time. What are some of those issues in your life, whether from past experiences or from outside voices who are speaking a message of “self-reliance”? How has God enabled you to overcome them and place your whole trust in His care? How might you be able to use your experience to help others find new levels of trust?
4. What are some ways that you can shift your focus away from money and things back to God? Read Matthew 6:31-34 and consider that question again. What would it look like for you to go all in on that command? What would need to change in your everyday life and priorities, your long-term planning and goals? Will you put Jesus first and take a next step with Him in serving God, not money?

## Personal Guide

**Day 1:** Read Psalm 11

**Day 2:** Read Psalm 12

**Day 3:** Read Psalm 13

**Day 4:** Read Psalm 14

**Day 5:** Read Psalm 15

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**DOLLARS**  
make-sense?



**MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION // PERSONAL GUIDES**

*“Worry Doesn’t Work”*  
November 11, 2018



**“Worry Doesn’t Work”**  
**[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

For millions of Americans, the chief money related issue is their belief that they do not have enough money. Many people commit \_\_\_\_\_ amounts of mental, emotional, and physical energy to worrying about money, protecting their money, and seeking to acquire more money. For millions of other Americans, although they indisputably have enough money to live a comfortable and secure lifestyle, they believe their lives would be even more satisfying if they simply had more \_\_\_\_\_ funds. They, too, spend countless hours mulling about the possibilities of becoming wealthier...Money, it seems, is often on our minds. (Barna)

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Jesus isn't opposed to careful provision for the \_\_\_\_\_; but He's very interested in our a \_\_\_\_\_ about money and things...(note Matthew 6:25a).

Note Matthew 6:27

Being o\_\_\_\_\_ by care and concerns about money is in reality a waste of emotional and spiritual energy (note Matthew 6:31).

Note Matthew 6:32

This kind of worry reveals a divided heart (note Matthew 6:24), wrong priorities, and misplaced \_\_\_\_\_...

Note Romans 8:32

**2. God is B\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ (note Matthew 6:25-34)**

Sometimes we worry about money and things:

- Because of experiences in our \_\_\_\_\_...
- Because of \_\_\_\_\_ we listen to/watch/read/follow...

If we're trusting in money and "stuff" to make us happy, and \_\_\_\_\_ to money and things the supreme place that only belongs to God, it means our view of God is small (note Matthew 6:25).

Note Matthew 6:26 a, b

Note Matthew 6:28-29

Note Matthew 6:26, 30

To not be dominated by money worries means a \_\_\_\_\_ in our priorities and focus (note Matthew 6:33)

**Do Your Dollars Make Sense?:**

- Will we trust in and \_\_\_\_\_ the dollar, our job, a potential promotion...or will we pursue \_\_\_\_\_ God...and doing His will first and foremost?
- When Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in our life, money worries will not dominate our life.

We have resources available to help you have your dollars start making sense (books; Financial Peace University classes starting at both campuses. Learn more at [www.myriversidechurch.com/fpu](http://www.myriversidechurch.com/fpu).)

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## “Worry Doesn’t Work” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

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