

Discussion Guide



Ice Breaker When you hear the phrase “Having it all,” what comes to your mind? What can money provide or fail to provide that makes life worthwhile? What would you do with \$31 million?

1. Read Matthew 19:16-21. The man comes to Jesus for counsel, but seems to be stuck on what he could possibly need to achieve his goal of eternal life. How do you come to Jesus? Do you come with your resume, your justifications and rationalizations or do you come with an open mind and heart, truly seeking guidance? When you hear God’s answer, what is your typical response?
2. What are some ways that you equate spiritual performance with spiritual health? How can money and things creep unnoticed into a space designed and intended for a relationship with your good Father? Once you realize that’s occurred, how have you dealt with it successfully?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. If money and things are out of balance in your life, how does this passage give you a way forward towards spiritual health? How does your image and perception of money line up with verse 10? What are some of the consequences you have brought on yourself due to money taking on a role it wasn’t intended to fill? How do you believe you can attain contentment?
4. Pastor Tom clearly illustrated that this man’s issue wasn’t money so much as it was who was going to be Lord of his life. Hopefully you already acknowledge Jesus as Lord (CEO) and money as a tool, but how are you doing that in practical, every day ways? What is your next step this week in putting money back into its rightful place? How can your group help you in that step?

Personal Guide

Day 1: Read Psalm 16

Day 2: Read Psalm 17

Day 3: Read Psalm 18

Day 4: Read Psalm 19

Day 5: Read Psalm 20

do your
DOLLARS
make-sense?



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

“Having It All”
November 18, 2018



“Having It All” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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What does _____ say about “having it all”?

1. The Illusion of “Having It All” (note Matthew 19:16-20)

This wealthy, influential young man was probably admired, popular, even _____.

But as soon as he spoke, his inner _____ was revealed (note Matthew 19:16).

He had the same _____ questions every person has...

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Note Matthew 19:18b-19

Jesus lists the last section of the 10 Commandments, but omits the _____ commandment.

Note Matthew 19:20

Despite his claim of s_____ spiritual performance...he was in reality in the same boat as every human being.

He was _____ money and things, not God (note Matthew 6:24).

This was the _____ in his heart.

2. What It Actually Means to “Have It All” (note Matthew 19:21-22)

Note Matthew 19:21 (“perfect” = “_____”)

Jesus’ challenge to sell and give away all this young, wealthy person had was Jesus’ way of getting his attention and i_____ what was missing in his life (giving away things doesn’t make us followers of Jesus—see I Corinthians _____:_____).

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We can serve and _____ money and things...(note I Timothy 6:10).

This wealthy, influential, popular, and religious young man was faced with a choice...not about his standard of living...but of Lordship.

So how did this person respond to Jesus’ challenge? (note Matthew 19:22)

He chose to _____ from the only Person who could make his life complete, meaningful, and give to him the absolute assurance of eternal life.

Do Your Dollars Make Sense?:

- Just like the rich young ruler, we also have a _____ to make.
- Who will be the _____ of my life?
- Jesus offers what we are _____ and what no one else can give us...
- Jesus promised to make us “_____” (wealth that will never fade or be lost...note II Corinthians 8:9).

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