All In Week 4: I'm Invested CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

If you're in this group, I'm assuming you're committed to growing in your faith at CCV. If someone were to ask you, "Why should I give to this church", how would you respond?

Groups Video Guide

Read it:

Matthew 6:19-33

Discuss:

- Why do you think Christians today are giving less of a percentage of their income than they gave during the Great Depression?
- Read <u>Matthew 6:19-33</u>. What do you find most challenging about this passage?
- Why do you think Jesus talked about money so much? Why is money a difficult topic to talk about in church?
- The Holy Spirit tends to keep stretching us in our financial discipleship. What would be a stretch goal for your generosity this coming year?

Prayer:

Take some time to pray for our mission partners. Maybe pick a few your groups gravitate toward their mission and purpose. You can open a browser and go to ccv.church/missions.

Scriptures:

- Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth
 and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves
 treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do
 not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Proverbs 11:24-25, "There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered."
- Malachi 3:10, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be
 food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not
 open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it
 overflows."
- **Luke 6:38,** "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
- 1 Timothy 6:17–19, "As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."
- 2 Corinthians 9:6–8, "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed."
- 1 John 3:16–17, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"