

**Plastic Jesus**  
**Part 2 – “Money Problems”**  
**October 16, 2022**

**Luke 16:13**

“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.”

- **Jesus doesn't want your money. He wants your money to not [have](#) you.**

**Deuteronomy 14:22-23**

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year... so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.

**Proverbs 21:20**

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

**Proverbs 22:7**

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

- **Giving yields [joy](#).**
- **Saving yields [peace](#).**
- **Living on the rest yields [freedom](#).**

**Group Questions**

1. Talk about a time when you received more money (raise, bonus, tax return, whatever) and it brought you sustained happiness. Talk about a time when it didn't.
2. Have you ever met someone who was happy despite having very little money? If so, what stood out about that person?
3. Read Luke 16:10–13. Name some reasons why it is so tempting for us to serve money instead of God?
4. Is it possible to follow Jesus without being the master of your money?
5. Why are Americans plagued with discontentment? What would help us find satisfaction with our money and possessions?
6. When the church talks about tithing, what are the reasons (valid or invalid) why people get defensive? Do you think Jason was too strong, too weak, or just right when talking about tithing?
7. Which is most challenging for you: giving, saving or living within your means? Why do you think that area of your finances is a struggle? What can you do this week to make Jesus the priority of your finances? How can this group support you?