

## Lesson 23: Thy Kingdom Come

### Kingdom Riches

#### Reflect

1. What images does the word 'riches' bring to mind?
2. Why does Jesus talk about money so much?
3. What does the Kingdom have to do with how I manage my finances?

#### Read Your Bible

- Proverbs 23:5
- Matthew 19:16-26

#### Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. If Jesus were in charge of my bank account, would the money be spent differently?
2. What are some ways we can be good stewards of our finances?
3. Why is it so hard for us to fully trust God with our finances?
4. What does it look like to have treasure in heaven?
5. What are some reasons people choose earthly money over Kingdom riches?
6. What exactly should we be investing in to get a return on Kingdom riches?

#### Conclusion

The Bible has a lot to say about money and wealth. But God doesn't put as much value on money as humans do. We can be consumed by always wanting more. However, God's Kingdom paints a different picture than for what makes someone rich. God doesn't place value on money like we do, but on relationship. More specifically, God doesn't want anything to get in the way of our eternal relationship with Him. Money is one of those areas where idolatry can take hold, and money or the things we can buy with it can start to mean more to us than our relationship with God. Allowing money to come first can have eternal consequences. This is not what God wants for us. We only have money for a short time here on earth, but God wants us to look toward eternity with Him as our treasure in heaven. Our earthly treasures are temporary, but our Kingdom riches are eternal.

#### Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much that You don't want anything to come between us or get in the way of our relationship with You. Thank You for Your provision, and for being a God we can trust with everything, even our finances. Help us to be wise with our finances and to be good stewards of what you have entrusted to us. But mostly, help us to look forward to the riches that await us in eternity with You. In Jesus' name. Amen