

## Jesus on Money

### *A Healthy Relationship with Money*

Matthew 13:44-46

Handout

- It's easy to relate to money in an unhealthy way:
  - Security
  - Status
  - Self-worth
  - Comfort
- Jesus sets a boundary on money: It is not and cannot be more valuable than the kingdom of heaven.
  - A healthy relationship with money is born from treasuring the kingdom of heaven most
- The kingdom of heaven:
  - Is currently not a realm or place but a reign and rule of Jesus in His followers' lives (Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36)
  - Is most valuable and offers:
    - Salvation
    - Living hope
    - Spirit-empowered life
    - Purpose in life and suffering
    - Unconditional love
  - Is open to all who humbly turn from living for themselves to live for Jesus (Matthew 4:17; 5:3)
- Keeping a healthy relationship with money requires me to invest in the kingdom of heaven (i.e., give it away to God's work).
- **This Week's Activate Faith**
  - Look at how I spend money and why I spend money and evaluate what I treasure most.
  - Prayerfully prepare for the spiritual growth opportunity of participating in our upcoming building campaign