**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