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SECURITY IN THE KINGDOM  
MATTHEW 6:19-34

## Introduction

### 1. The Problem with Wealth

### 2. The Place To Look For Security

**Big Idea:** Security is found not in material things, but in the love of the Father.

### 3. The Antidote for Wealth Worship: Generosity

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A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)

### Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. Kati shared today about how her hotel preferences have changed- how that is a way she sees the creep of materialism in her life. How have you observed the draw toward materialism in your life?
2. We said that the preoccupation with wealth accumulation is exhausting. How have you experienced the drawback of running after wealth?
3. We said that we don't need to focus on wealth, because we are loved by God. How have you experienced God's love for you in a way that helps you trust Him with your material possessions?
4. We've said that disciple is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed to the mission** of Jesus. A disciple of Jesus is seeking God's Kingdom- that's the mission of Jesus. We said that generosity is not only an antidote for wealth worship, but it is how we enact God's Kingdom. How is God challenging you to be generous this week?
5. In your group, as you've talked about your struggles with materialism, the experiences you've had with God's love for you, and the challenge to generosity you've received- spend some time now praying for each other in each of these areas.

### Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

**1. Talk:** To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

**2. Look Back (session 2+)**

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

**3. Read & Re-tell**

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

**4. Look**

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

**5. Look again**

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

**6. Inside me**

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

**7. Who else?**

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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