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2:8 speaks to our cultural values as a church. It's the "how" we do ministry at New Covenant. It's the way we accomplish the mission Jesus has given us. But we believe our values are transcendent. In other words, these values can be applied to every aspect of our lives. We want to see our cultural values not only impact our ministry areas, but also marriages, parenting, neighboring, etc. Likewise, we believe our cultural values influence how we handle the resources/finances God has given us.

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Pursue God

Immersed in Scripture

We desire to pursue God in order to learn more about who He is and what He is doing among His people.

Through this guide, we pursue God in the study of His Word, prayer and community.

As we pursue God together, let's focus on the spiritual discipline of Meditation.

"We should stop to reflect and to treasure the words, to turn them over and over in our minds, repeating them until the truth which they contain trickles from our head into our hearts." Joyce Huggett

Meditate on these two verses 1 Thessalonians 2:8 and Proverbs 27.

Pursue Others

Engage One Another & Our Community

God has enlisted His people to love, serve, and reach those who have not yet submitted their lives to Him.

A small group willing to embrace this call takes intentionality. It is in our small groups where we best learn and grow in our faith.

We encourage your group to spend some time allowing people to share what they learned from God's Word in their own personal time. In addition, spend time sharing what God is teaching you through our 2:8 series on Finances. Create a space that allows others to step out with courage and generosity.

Practice His Ways

Adopt the Lifestyle

Learn to recognize the big events and daily moments God uses to deepen your relationship with Him.

Observe the places in your life where God is getting your attention about your finances. Is there anything this week in the area of finances that made you sad, glad, or mad?

Reflect on these areas God brought to your attention:

Do you need to make a change in the way you are thinking?

Do you need to make a change in the way you are acting?

Do you need to make a change in the way you are feeling?

What lie is contributing to these thoughts, feelings, or actions?

What truth can you put in place of this lie?

Discuss this with your group or another close person in your life. What is God asking or leading you to do?

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Message 1: *The Space Between*

Luke 19:11-27

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Big Idea: The faithful serve the absent king by using the gifts and resources he has given.

Throughout this series, we are going to invite you to reflect on your finances in light of our cultural values. This may be a new, different, and possibly uncomfortable experience. We are praying you will lean into this experience and God will use it for incredible individual and group growth.

1. Your financial picture encompasses many aspects. Often times we think of giving and spending. It could also include communication about and gratitude for. Spend time discussing all the parts that make a holistic financial picture.
2. Imagine for a minute you wake up tomorrow and your finances embody New Covenant's cultural values [Intentionality, clarity, celebration, excellence, courage, and generosity]. Share with your group what is different and how you know it is different. Be as specific and detailed as you can.
3. You are a servant to the King dwelling in the space between, the gap between the first and second coming. What are you to be about during this time?
4. As you think about your current financial situation and your role in the space between, which cultural value is God asking you to focus on? If you're married, are you unified in the area God is asking you to focus on?