



Kingdom Money Mindset | Shawn Johnson | 11.25.2023
Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

How was your thanksgiving?

Share a high and a low you experienced since the group last met.

What is a small step of faith you've taken this year in which you've seen God move in huge ways?

GROW

Welcome back from Thanksgiving! This week Shawn shared part-one of his two-part message, *Kingdom Money Mindset*. We know that this time of year brings different feelings for different people. For some, it's a season filled with cheer and gratitude, blessing and abundance, and time surrounded by loved ones. For others, it can be a season of fear and uncertainty, tragedy and scarcity, and even loneliness and isolation. Regardless of where we find ourselves on the scale, many of us have a difficult time parting with what we have, however much or little it is. Last week, we looked at a story of overwhelming generosity in Exodus where the Lord asked everyone "whose heart was willing" to bring an offering that would be used to build the kingdom of God. So many people gave according to what their unique situation would allow and how the Lord stirred up their heart that Moses had to command them to stop giving because what was given was "more than enough to do all the work."

This week, Shawn invited us to participate in a similar movement today and a great place to start is with this question: "God, based on everything you've given us, what would you have us do this year to build your kingdom, not just mine?"

Read Matthew 6:21, 6:25-34

What has God revealed to you through these passages? What are your big takeaways?

Where is your heart and what has it stored up?

What are the biggest “worries” in your life that might be preventing you from “seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness?”

M O V E

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NIV

Jesus once told a Parable of Three Servants. One was given five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag. The servants with five bags and two bags put them to use and doubled what they had. The third servant hid his only bag of gold out of fear where it yielded no return. Seeds are the same way. They can't bear fruit if they're never sown. They're worthless when we hold onto them. It's only when we return them to the ground from which they came from and trust the process that we yield a harvest of fruit exponentially greater than what we could ever get out of a single seed on our own. When we return God's provision to him, however much or little it may be, we can trust that he will multiply our offering in ways we never could have imagined, not just in our lives, but in the lives of others as more come to know Jesus. This scripture indicates that when we trust God with a single seed he “increases our store of seed,” “enlarges our harvest,” and we become “enriched in every way.” Are you willing to take the Lord up on his offer and “test him in this?”

How have you experienced extravagant provision and blessing from the seeds someone else has sown?

What seed(s) has God entrusted to you? Are you sowing them or guarding them?

What's a small way God might be calling you to be generous in this season? What's the biggest thing holding you back from saying yes?

P R A Y

Take time to pray as a group. Encourage each other to be honest about what's really going on in their lives and then take time to pray together.