

Hello Parents,

With the recent news of COVID-19 and the decision of church leadership I thought I would suggest three ideas that you could read and discuss with your HS Student(s) the next few Sunday Mornings:

1. The Love of Money (Ecclesiastes 5:9-6:10)

HS is currently going through the book of Ecclesiastes. Specifically, our next passage is 5:9-6:10. In this passage Solomon explains the vanity (fleeting nature) of trusting in money or wealth. Reading this passage with your student(s) and discussing its implications especially during the current economic uncertainty could be a great to teach your students why the Bible commands us not trust or love money. I have included my outline of the passage for the sermon I plan to record later should it help you stir some thought.

1. The Love of Money Brings Injustice (5:8-9)

- 1a. Loving Money Brings Exploitation (v. 5:8)*
- 2a. Loving Money Brings Selfishness (v. 5:9)*

2. The Love of Money Brings Discontentment (v. 5:10-12)

- 2a. Loving Money Brings Cravings (v. 5:10)*
- 2b. Loving Money Brings Problems (v. 5:11)*
- 2c. Loving Money Brings Stress (v. 5:12)*

3. The Love of Money Brings Insecurity (vv. 5:13-17)

- 3a. Loving Money Brings Loss (vv. 5:13)*
- 3b. Loving Money Brings Waste (vv. 5:14-16)*
- 3c. Loving Money Brings Bitterness (v. 5:17)*

4. The Love of Money Brings Dissatisfaction (vv. 5:18-6:1-6)

- 4a. Loving Money Brings Gloom (vv. 5:18-20)*
- 4b. Loving Money Brings Misery (vv. 6:1-6)*

5. The Love of Money Brings Disappointment (vv. 6:7-9)

- 5a. Loving Money Brings Longing (vv. 6:7-8)*
- 5b. Loving Money Brings Restlessness (v. 6:9)*

2. Do Not Be Anxious (Matthew 6)

For those who attended camp the topic was dealing with anxiety. The ultimate answer and cure to anxiety was to know God and trust God. Consider reading and reviewing the truths presented by Jesus in Matthew Chapter 6. In this chapter Jesus teaches on prayer, money, and anxiety. Three topics that are not unrelated. Consider how all three these topics apply to the current cultural climate and how as Christians we should approach the present situations in order to glorify God.

Questions to consider:

How does Jesus teach us to pray?

What can you pray for?

Who can you pray for?

How is prayer a helpful tool to fight against anxiety?

What are you anxious about and why?

What truths do you know about God that can help you to be free from anxiety?

How does a life or idol of serving money create anxiety?

How does what we fear expose what we trust?

3. Redeem the Time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

As schools have canceled class the next 2-3 weeks, many students will have an abundance of extra time on their hands. Rather than aimlessly filling this extra time consider Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 5:15-16 for believers to redeem the time. Consider together as a family and as individuals how you might make the best use of your time to honor God in the next few weeks. What things can you be devoted to as a family and as individuals to honor God and serve Him?