

SERMON SERIES: Tremors: Overcoming an Economic Earthquake

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“Foundation.”

Introduction

For the past six weeks we have been in a series called Faces & Places, where we talked about the faces that we see in the places where we are most often. This series helped us focus on Calvary’s core value and rhythm of *connect*. What this means is that we *connect* with others in life-giving smaller groups to help one another follow Jesus. This week we are kicking off a new series called Tremors, which focuses on what the Bible says about our finances. Sometimes conversations about finances can be awkward or uncomfortable. We hope this series helps each of us learn a healthy and biblical view of our finances which leads us closer to Christ.

- When you think of the word “stewardship”, what comes to mind?
- What is one thing (besides finances) that you consider yourself a “steward” of?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 12:13-34.

- What does this passage tell us about the priorities of people?
- What does this passage tell us about the priorities of God?
- Which characteristics of God do you see reflected in verses 31-34?
- Why might Jesus be using a story to teach this lesson?

Go Deeper

Create a list of different references, stories, or verses within the Bible talking about finances. Ask questions like, “what do these passages have in common?” and “what is similar/different between their context and mine?” This list will be helpful for you to plan your finances in a God-honoring way.

Talk About It

- How comfortable (or uncomfortable) are you with conversations about finances? Why?
- What are some ways you have experienced the generosity of God? What about the generosity of others?
- How might our lives look if we prioritized stewardship more?
- How can we remind ourselves to be good stewards of what God has given us?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Financial peace comes when we place our trust in His provision.

Challenge: This week, take a few minutes to evaluate some of your finances. After reviewing your finances, spend a few minutes in prayer asking God to help you become a good steward. If you do not currently have a financial plan in place, Calvary has resources available to help.