

# STUDY GUIDE

## **Money, Power, and Sex**

### Part 1. Money



Read Luke 19:1-10

What did you learn on Sunday about Zaccheus?

What was the attitude toward money in your family of origin?

Our perspective on money often comes from our family of origin or the society in which we grew up. How has your past influenced your perspective?

Paul says greed is a form of idolatry. Look up Colossians 3:5 and Ephesians 5:5. What can you learn from these verses?

In the Old Testament God's people were instructed to give 10% of their income (a tithe). Is this instruction applicable for us today? Why or why not?

Adam shared a story of giving from his life. Do you have a personal example about giving?

We can be afraid that we have too little or too much. What is your biggest fear in regards to money?

As a group find at least five verses in the New Testament that talk about money. What do you see as a recurring theme?

Finances may be a struggle for you but it is important to realize that from a global perspective we are among the very wealthy. How can this realization impact your life?

Often we make decisions based on how much money we have or don't have. When we do this money has the power. What if you prayed first to see what God wanted you to do? Discuss this and other ways you can put money into it's proper value and not have it be an idol in your life.



*Pray for our attitudes towards money, for our finances as a church, and for the world at large that is in such turmoil.*