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LEADER NOTES

Knowing someone allows us to see where they are. Grounding them helps them know where to stand. Young adulthood comes with plenty of competing voices telling people who they should be, what will satisfy them, and what their lives should be about. Our role is not simply to offer better advice. **We continually point people back to Jesus and the truth of His Word**.

Grounding someone means helping them build a life around the gospel: Jesus is Lord, Scripture is true, and following Him involves surrender and obedience in every area of life. That happens as we open Scripture together, pray together, confess sin, practice repentance, ask hard questions, and help one another apply God's Word to everyday life.

So this week, don't settle for simply completing the curriculum. Ask:
"**What does Scripture say?"**
"What does this show us about Jesus?"
"Where does God's Word challenge what we currently believe or how we are living?"
"What would obedience look like this week?"

Remember, **we are not trying to produce young adults who simply know more about the Bible. We want to help form men and women whose lives are increasingly built upon it.** The goal is not information alone. It is transformation as we learn to trust and follow Jesus.

Important links: Join our Leader GroupMe

DISCOVER

Reading Schedule Discussion

November 8-14: Acts 8 **November 15-21:** Acts 9 **November 22-28:** Acts 10

Guiding Questions

What was the main idea and context of this week's chapter?
What was encouraging about the chapter? What was challenging?
What did it teach you about the character of God?
What does it reveal about humanity?
What truth, command, warning, and/or promise should we pay attention to?
How can this be applicable to your life this week?

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Sermon Text(s): Genesis 4:1-7; Psalm 24:1; Matthew 6:19-34; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 2 Corinthians 9:6
Big Idea: Do you trust God and His Word or are you setting your hope, satisfaction and security on the temporary things of this world?
Connect Question: If someone looked at your recent purchases without knowing anything else about you, what would they assume you love most?

DEEPEN

Read Matthew 6:19-34. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?

Where Your Heart Is

1. In Matthew 6:19–21, Jesus contrasts treasures on earth with treasures in heaven. What do you think it looks like to invest in eternity in your current season of life?
2. Pastor Joby emphasized that we are stewards, not owners, of what God has entrusted to us. How might viewing your money, time, abilities, and opportunities as God's change the way you use them?

Who Are You Serving?

3. In Matthew 6:24, Jesus says we cannot serve both God and money. What are some subtle ways money, possessions, success, or lifestyle can compete with God for our devotion?
4. We were challenged us to love God and use money rather than love money and use people. What is the difference between these two approaches, and how might each affect our relationships?
5. Why do you think it can be difficult to surrender financial control to God, even when we believe He is trustworthy?
6. 2 Corinthians 9:6–8 describes giving generously, willingly, and cheerfully rather than reluctantly or under compulsion. What do you think distinguishes genuine generosity from giving out of guilt, pressure, or a desire to receive something in return?

Trust God Instead of Living Anxiously

7. Jesus uses birds and flowers to illustrate God's provision. What do these examples reveal about God's character and the way He views His children?
8. What are some things we commonly worry about as 1825s, and how can those worries influence the decisions we make?
9. Matthew 6:33 tells us to seek first God's kingdom and righteousness. What might seeking God's kingdom first look like in your decisions about work, school, relationships, finances, or your future?
10. Generosity supports church plants, missionaries, discipleship, baptisms, and ministries that care for people in need. Which of these opportunities resonates most with you, and why?

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