

Hope City Church

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In God We Trust

1 Timothy 6:11-21 | Psalm 50:9-10 | Matthew 6:24-34

Icebreaker: In God We Trust. ***Who or what do you put your trust in these days?*** Honestly?! How would your bank statement and where you choose to spend your money reflect your answer? It is easy to feel insecure when we begin to see a wealth of resources become more and more depleted! This past year has cracked that conversation wide open as various things (jobs, toilet paper, water, gasoline, etc.) have started to become seemingly more inaccessible. But God knows your needs and He has access to it all! ***What would God like to say to you about how you will place your trust more in Him during this next year?***

Going Deeper:

1) Let's begin by reading 1 Timothy 6:11-21 (page 913, NLT). What does verse 18 tell us to do with our money? Who or what is God prompting you to share your time, money, and resources with? Take a moment to ask God what else He wants to do through those resources He has given you? How will you choose to respond?

2) In Psalms 50:9-10 (page 436, NLT) we glean that God does not need our money because it all belongs to Him anyway. So then, why do you think God invites us to be a part of what He is doing? How does verse 14 and 15 in this passage play a role in our relationship with God? Where could you use God's help right now? Take time to make a list. Call out to Him and ask Him for help.

3) What are some reasons why people are not generous with their money? How does Matthew 6:24-34 (page 737, NLT) guide your thinking about how you are spending and investing your money right now?

4) Continuing from Matthew 6:33, what would you say you tend to be "enslaved" to right now? Another way of saying this is—What gets most of your attention? After reading verse 33 and taking a moment to reflect on those words, what is God revealing to you about how you live your life and how you are trusting in Him right now?

Action: In God We Trust. How is God prompting you to trust Him more this week? What do you need to do differently to begin living this out?

Prayer: Lord, you know how hard it is for me to trust you in the ways you are calling me to trust you right now. You know my frailties and my skepticism from my life's experience. You know those people who have hurt me and where I have felt like a failure. Thank you that when nobody else is there for me, YOU are there for me, God. Show me where you want me to trust you more, Father. Help me to be bold and give me the courage that I need to follow where you are leading me! Amen!