## Your History with Money and the Roots of Evil

- 1. What's your history with money?
- 2. 1 Timothy 6:10 says, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." Hebrews 13:5 instructs us to "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have." How does this contentment connect with the promise: What is the difference between simply *having* money and *loving* money? "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you"?

## Where Is Your Treasure? (Matthew 6:19-24)

- 1. Verse 21 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Looking at how you currently spend your time and money, what does it reveal about the true "treasure" of your heart?
  - "You're free to do whatever you want with your money, but is what you're doing bringing you freedom?"
- 2. How can an unhealthy attachment to money actually lead to a lack of freedom?

## The Power of Generosity (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

- 1. Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 16:2 emphasize regular, proportional, and planned giving ("on the first day of every week," "in keeping with your income," "set aside a sum of money"). What is the value of approaching giving as a disciplined practice rather than a spontaneous act?
  - "We don't give to get, but when we give, we get. The get is so much greater than the GIVE!!!!"
- 2. What are some of the non-monetary "gets" (benefits) that come from cultivating a lifestyle of generosity?

## The Generosity Weekend Challenge:

The challenge invites you to give 10% or more of one week's income or make an offering above and beyond your regular giving to see what God will do.

- Please prayerfully consider joining the Generosity Weekend Challenge on October 26th, 2025.
- What next step will you take to put God first in your finances? Where are you now, and where do you plan to be this year?

