



Week 2: Consumer or Consumed



GET GOING!

Note to leaders: you'll want to have some scrap paper or notecards and pens for this activity!

• It's a numbers thing...

Tonight, let's get started with a little numbers' quiz! You can pair up in teams of two or three. I'll read the question aloud and you'll write down your answer.

1. On average, how many million miles away is the sun from the earth? (93)
2. An adult human who hasn't lost a tooth will have how many in their mouth? (32)
3. How many sides does a dodecagon have? (12)
4. How many feet are in a mile? (5280)
5. If you include end zones, how long is a football field in feet? (360)

GET PERSONAL.

1. Mark shared some incredible ways that people have managed the money they were given last week in church! What story was most impressive to you? What progress have you made in putting your church money to work?
2. What is the difference between the way you plan on spending that money delegated to you and the way you typically spend your own? What would it look like if we were that intentional with managing all the money God has entrusted to us?

WHAT'S NEXT?

Read John 12:1-3

3. Why was Mary willing to give up such an expensive gift, literally giving Jesus the very best she had? How does knowing who Jesus is and what He has done compel you to give Him your best?
4. What are some of the ways we can give God our best? Why do you think generosity and gratitude are so directly linked together?

Money is a great servant but a terrible god.

Leaders: *Share a time when you thought that an item, relationship, meal, promotion, etc. would bring you happiness, but it didn't.*

Read John 12:4-8

5. Why do you think we buy into the lie that more money = more power, or more stuff will make us ... happy?
6. What does the text tell us about the real reason Judas was upset with Mary's gift to Jesus? In what ... ways do you get tempted to judge what other people do with their money and possessions?

Read Matthew 27:3-5

7. Greed always comes with a price. What were some of the consequences of Judas's greed? In what ... ways does greed rob us from joy in this life?

Read Matthew 26:12-13

8. On the flip side, generosity has the power to give life. What was the result of Mary's generosity? ... What are some ways that our generosity can have a ripple effect beyond our life?

PRAY.

Today let's thank Jesus for who He is and what He has done for us! Pray for a heart of gratitude and ask God to keep greed far from our hearts. Ask God to help you.

DON'T FORGET.

Encourage your group members to check out these passages during the week to keep the learning going and their relationship with God growing.

Luke 12:13-21, Ecclesiastes 5:8-20, Joshua 7, Luke 19:1-9, Mark 10:17-30

For further application, use the App Notes which are posted each day on our Facebook Page. If you've missed this week's message, you can watch online at parkerhill.org