

## STUFFED - 'It's not about the Stuff!' - Outline

### STUFF (Weeks 1-2)

#### 1. Week One - Matter Matters - 10/02/22

- a. **Tension:** Is stuff the problem? The temptation is to label things as 'bad'. But, God is good and everything He does is good... everything He made is good.
- b. **Key Passage:** 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. Where does 'stuff' come from? Genesis 1.
  - ii. Is having stuff a bad thing? Or is it our unhealthy cravings for that stuff that get us in trouble? 1 Timothy 6:9-10.
  - iii. Why did God provide us with stuff? 1 Timothy 6:17.

#### 2. Week Two - More than Meets the Eye - 10/09/22

- a. **Tension:** When is enough enough? If stuff is good, does that mean more is better? Is fulfillment found in being stuffed with stuff?
- b. **Key Passage:** Luke 12:13-21
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. Does wealth determine life? Where is real life actually found? Luke 12:15, 21
  - ii. Can physical stuff ever fill a spiritual void? Luke 12:20-21
  - iii. As opposed to hoarding, what does it mean to be rich toward God? Luke 12:21

### GOD & STUFF (Week 3-5)

#### 3. Week Three - What's it Worth? - 10/16/22

- a. **Tension:** Is our spending, hoarding and priding in our stuff indicative of misplaced worship? Do we treasure our stuff, or treasure our Savior?
- b. **Key Passage:** Matthew 4:1-11
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. Do we place a higher value on the here and now? Luke 4:2-4
  - ii. What was the Devil's offer to Jesus in Luke 4:7?
  - iii. Money has a clearly indicated value, but what's God worth? Luke 4:8; Luke 16:13

#### 4. Week Four - Give it Up - 10/23/22

- a. **Tension:** - Is it more blessed to give than to receive? Why can it be so hard to release our grip?
- b. **Key Passage:** Mark 10:17-31; 12:41-44
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. Does having more stuff mean that you're more generous?
  - ii. How can someone have 'great possessions' and yet be 'sorrowful'? Mark 10:22
  - iii. How can Jesus say 'this poor widow has put in more than all...' when she only gave two coins? Mark 12:43

#### 5. Week Five - In God We Trust - 10/30/22

- a. **Tension:** Do you worry about your stuff, your financial future? Money becomes so indicative of the real state of our hearts as to whether we are going to trust God or not....
- b. **Key Passage:** Matthew 6:25-34
- c. **Questions:**

- i. Are you someone who has a hard time trusting or releasing control?
- ii. Are you best equipped to determine what you really need? Matt 6:32
- iii. To have everything in its correct order, what needs to be put first? Matt 6:33

## PEOPLE & STUFF (Week 6-8)

### 6. Week Six - Can I Have Five Bucks? - 11/06/22

- a. **Tension:** Money is the leading topic of conflict in the average marriage. We know in theory that people are more important than stuff is... The practice part is more difficult.
- b. **Key Passage:** Luke 15:11-32
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. Are we guilty of making money off of people rather than using money for people?
  - ii. Like the older brother, do you struggle to receive those who have 'squandered your property'? Luke 15:30
  - iii. Like the father of the prodigal, how can we value relationships over stuff? Luke 15:22-24

### 7. Week Seven - Kingdom Currency - 11/13/22

- a. **Tension:** What's our stuff have to do with the mission? Could our stuff be used to proclaim the Gospel to the lost?
- b. **Key Passage:** Acts 2:42-47, 4:34-35
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. Do these passages mean that you have to sell everything for the sake of the mission? 1 Timothy 5:8
  - ii. Should a church be meeting financial needs in their community?
  - iii. How can we practically use our stuff to reach the people around us for the sake of the Gospel?

### 8. Week Eight - Does the Church Want My Money? - 11/20/22

- a. **Tension:** Let's get away from the 'junk for Jesus' mentality. Do we give God our firstfruits or our table scraps? What does it mean to give cheerfully? It's not really about your money at all...
- b. **Key Passage:** 2 Corinthians 9
- c. **Questions:**
  - i. What factors contribute to a reluctance in investing in the ministry of the church?
  - ii. What effect does giving to the mission have on your own life and the lives of others?
  - iii. In light of eternity, what is the best use of our resources?