



### **Part One: Clutter Free**

We say that money can't buy happiness and that the best things in life are free. You don't need to have a lot to enjoy life! Well if that's true, then why do so many of us feel stressed out, worried and discontent in our finances? The clichés sound good but we need to figure out how we can really experience financial freedom!

**Scripture:** Luke 18:18-27

**Bottom Line:** Own your stuff, don't let it own you.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are the emotions that you most commonly experience when you think about and deal with money? Are they mostly positive or mostly negative?
2. Read Luke 18:18-27. How is the man that Jesus talks to described? What do we know about who he is and what his priorities are? What does he want to know from Jesus?
3. What answers does Jesus give him? What kinds of answers do Jesus not give to him? Why is Jesus' message so hard for him to hear? When Jesus responds to Peter later in the passage, what do you think he means by what he says?
4. What does this dialogue tell us about our relationship to money and possessions? What characters or aspects of this story do you identify with?
5. Do you find it easy or difficult to give away material possessions? What kinds of things might be easy for you to give away? What kinds of things are difficult? What insight does this give you about your values?

### **Moving Forward**

Pastor Dave challenged us to begin to train our hearts not to be too attached to our possessions by selling something and giving the proceeds away. What is something you might be able to sell and to whom do you think you could give the money to?