

Thrive



Week Three: Resources

Overview

In a culture surrounded by the impact of COVID-19, it's time for God's church to thrive. No matter how chaotic this world may seem, God has given us everything we need to thrive in our lives, our rhythms, with our resources, and in our relationships. So many of us will view this season that we're in as just a time of survival. But what if God is calling his church to thrive in the midst of chaos? What if God is calling you to become even more alive in him during this time? What if God is inviting his people to a deeper, more meaningful faith in him? We believe he is, and we're excited to discuss this topic over the next few weeks.

This week - Ron taught us how to have a proper perspective on our resources. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the resources of many of us, and many of our friends and family. Though these shifts are stressful, we know that God provides for us always and that we can trust him to take care of us. We also know that God calls us to use our lives as conduits of his goodness and grace. Because of your generosity, our church has been able to serve many families in our community, and even through the midst of this pandemic – your generosity is making a difference in the lives of many. We thank you deeply, and we pray that God will continue to bless you and your family.

As you begin this session: pray for those around the world who are suffering from the coronavirus outbreak. Pray also for your group, that God would bring you closer together to him and one another throughout this crisis.

Reading and Discussion

1. Read Luke 12:13-21. In a time when many are anxious about their resources, how is your perspective on your own? Do you find yourself setting your heart on your resources more or less these days?
2. We all know that money can't buy happiness. Jesus himself said that an abundance of possessions does not produce a fulfilling life. Is it easy for you to believe and practice those words, or difficult? Where do you find your happiness?
3. Read Luke 12:22-34. What does this passage say to you in this moment? How does this give you encouragement or confidence during this difficult season?
4. In his message, Ron explained that we serve as conduits of God's love and grace to others. What are some concrete ways that you can use your resources to pass the love of God on to your neighbors this week?
5. As you close this session, pray for those particularly who are struggling financially because of this pandemic. Ask for God's provision for those who have lost jobs and are struggling to

make ends meet. Finally, ask that God would continue to lead your group toward him, and for his continued provision.