



## Group Leader Guide & Discussion Questions

### Carl Kuhl - Our Next Guest

### August 3-4, 2019

#### Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

#### // Message Summary

For the second week of, Our Next Guest, Carl Kuhl is teaching about giving. Carl looks at two big things about money. Money is a tool - if you're not careful, you can hurt yourself. Money is a drug - if you're not careful, you can get addicted to it. He then goes on to describe his specific reasons why he chooses to be generous with his money.

#### // Guest Speaker

Carl Kuhl is the Lead Pastor at Mosaic Christian Church in Maryland. This is the second time he has taught at Flatirons the first time he taught was during the series Would You Rather on Mother's Day weekend.

#### // Biblical Context

Carl references different sections from the Bible to talk about money. Here are the passages he used, some context, and how it connected to the talk.

Passage: **Luke 12:13-21** Context: Jesus is teaching to thousands of people (12:1) When he is interpreted by bothers arguing about inheritance. Right after Jesus tells the story about the rich fool he teaches his disciples more about trusting God with money (12:22-34). Connection: To describe how "money can be a tool or a drug, both things can be helpful or ruin your life."

Passage: **1 Timothy 6:17** Context: Paul, a guy who wrote most of the New Testament, is writing a letter to Timothy, a young pastor he is mentoring. Read the whole Chapter to see how money is a dangerous thing to trust. Connection: To show that trusting God with money is growing as a Christian.

Passage: **Exodus 23:19** Context: In this Old Testament passage, God is giving his people instruction on how to live in the community God is creating after Israel was delivered from Egypt. Connection: To talk about how us giving our first fruits is something God has always called His people to.

Passage: **Matthew 6:21** Context: This is passage is from the middle of the Sermon on the Mount which was unpacked over the last year. Its specifically during the sermon when Jesus is talking about what we value most. Connection: To show what you put your money to is what you're hoping is going to take care of you.

## // Discussion Questions

1. What way do you put the toilet paper on the roll?
2. In what ways have you seen money be used as a tool and or as a drug?
3. Carl compared trusting God with your money as a way to know if you're growing with God. Why are those two things related?
4. If you are giving God "the first of your harvest" (Exodus 23:19), how does that help you manage your money better?
5. Why is it that people who plan to be generous are more generous than people who give generously off of their emotions?
6. How does being part of Flatirons change your perspective on being generous?