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**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**“Jehovah Jireh” - Secure in Uncertain Times, Part 2 – May 10/11, 2025**

A simple framework to facilitate a spiritual conversation  
to help you and your group be **deeply rooted followers of Jesus.**

**THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS ARE A COMPANION TO A “TOPICAL” WEEKEND SERMON SERIES.**

From September to April, our Community Group Guides primarily feature a brief study of the *biblical text* used in the weekend sermon. For the next several weeks, we’re looking more at *biblical themes* covered in the weekend message. Enjoy!

**Note from Pastor Mark:**

*“The big idea that I hope we can/will communicate in this series of messages is that God can be trusted to take care of the needs of His children. It is HE - who is ultimately our supply, our keeper, and the financial manager of our lives. We can indeed trust Him! That trust will be tested when we are asked to actually put it into practice - specifically - when we are asked to give away the key “thing” we look to for security here and now - Money! But the blessings of God to the generous person are abundantly clear in both the OT & NT.*

*I am hoping that our congregation will have a deeper trust and confidence and joy in serving the LORD through our time, talents, and treasures as a result of these five weeks.*

*I am praying that this series will carry a tone of encouragement and trust - not a guilt-inducing - but a hope-building that God can be trusted - and therefore we are free to be generous people, living generous gospel-infused lives!”*

## CONVERSATION STARTERS.

- Select one or two of these to prime the pump for conversation.
  - Talk about your homelife as a child....was money a “hot topic” in your home? Was money a positive or a negative thing - and why?
  - Talk about the five primary areas of finance and what you learned as a kid about...
    - *Work Ethic* - who taught you how to work?
    - *Giving Generously* - how did you learn to give? Was it modeled for you?
    - *Saving/Investing* - who helped you understand the importance of planning for rainy day?
    - *Spending* - in what ways did consumerism shape your early life?
    - *Debt* - who warned you about the dangers of debt and principles to get free!?
  - How did your childhood exposure to money affect your life as you moved into adulthood?

## LOOKING TO SCRIPTURE.

- Read **Genesis 22:1-19** & **Hebrews 11:17-19**
  - What are the first questions that pop into your mind as you read the text? What challenges you the most?
  - Unpack as many of the prophetic types embedded in this text you can find: Mount Moriah, a beloved and only son, the wood Isaac carried, the fire Abraham brought, the substitute God provided in the ram etc.
  - God is revealing Himself in a very special way in this text - as “Jehovah Jireh” (the God who will “see to it” OR the God who provides).
    - What are some of the other biblical descriptions or names of God that give you comfort or courage?
    - How does this name - “Jehovah Jireh” (used only once in Genesis 22:14) anchor you to the bigger story of the gospel?
- Read **Matthew 6:19-34** in one chunk.
  - What jumps off the page at you upon first reading?
  - How has this text helped you in your journey of faith?
  - Would you say that you are an anxious person when it comes to money? Why or why not?
- This week’s message focused more on the promise of God’s supply and the challenge to give Him first place in everything - including our finances.
  - What challenges do we face in our day, in actually living out the contentment of **Matthew 6:25-27**?

- How has anxiety about money adversely affected your relationships, marriage, family etc? **(6:27)**
  - Can you share a story of when you felt “choked” (the meaning of anxiety) by money issues?
  - Does the comparison to birds and lilies comfort you or frustrate you? Can you connect?
  - **6:33** is the capstone of this text - what does it mean for you to seek first His kingdom?
- Read **Deuteronomy 8:1-20** for the next part of discussion.
    - Take a moment to summarize the background to this story - who were these people - when was this message given to them - what did their future look like? Why was this warning critical?
    - Talk about the human tendency to “take credit” for what we have earned? What is it about human nature that does not want to acknowledge that everything is a gift?
    - When have you found it hardest to “remember” or easiest to “forget” that it all comes from God’s hand?
    - We are truly living in a land of milk & honey, a generation that has not know scarcity or lack. Why do we still find it hard to give God our first and best, in light of all He has given to us? What keeps us from believing that God’s promise of supply is sure? Why do we struggle to trust?
- Finally, read **Romans 8:31-39**.
    - Talk about the ultimate sacrifice God gave - in that He gave us His “First and His BEST” in Jesus.
    - How does the example of Christ inform our understanding of stewardship of our finances?

## **NOW WHAT?**

- Pray for one another in areas of financial pain or need.
- Have someone share a story of how they have learned to trust the LORD and have seen Him provide.
- Pray for our church family, that God will stir willing and generous hearts among us and be able to advance the gospel to an even greater degree in our city and across our nation.
- Please pray as a group for our ALL IN capital campaign.
  - Our hope is that everyone who calls Northview their “church home” will join us in giving to this project. As Pastor Darcy says, “It’s not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.”