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COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Jehovah Jireh” - Secure in Uncertain Times – May 3/4, 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.
 - What kind of financial advice did you receive growing up? Were you taught about work and savings and how to handle debt in any formal way?
 - Who taught you about giving? How was it modeled in your home as a child?
 - Fear and greed are two ends of the spectrum when it comes to money - which one is the greater struggle for you personally?
 - Do you realize that the Bible has more to say about money than any other topic except God Himself? What implications do you draw from that?
 - Money & Sex are likely the two greatest distractions/temptations for the North American Christian and breaking the silence on these topics is a challenge; what keeps us from being transparent about money?

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?
- The clear forward-look of this text is to the sacrificial lamb that will take our place on a hillside near Jerusalem: Jesus offering Himself in our place.
 - Do you see a connection between your salvation and your financial security?
 - Read **Romans 8:31-32** again and consider the surrounding context: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God..." Not a trade war, not job loss, not inflation or any other economic reality.
 - How has this provided you comfort in your personal life?

- Finally: Read **Hebrews 13:5-6** & **Philippians 4:18** and talk about the promises you see.
 - What comfort do you find in these verses?

NOW WHAT?

- As you consider your personal life circumstances when it comes to money - where do you think you need to grow most?
 - (For example: Is it in a Biblical understanding of work, saving, giving, spending, or how to handle debt? What area has been a struggle?)
- Idea: Who is someone you could bless with an anonymous gift (small or large) - a coffee card - a dinner out - or whatever you may choose - to simply say to them - "The Lord sees you, He cares for you, and so do I!"
- 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."
- Pray for our church family, that God will stir willing and generous hearts among us.