


GROWING DEEPER:

Questions to dig deeper into this week's topic 

THE ALL Y'ALL DOCTRINE

Even the Children?!

1. In the Gospels recording Jesus' teaching and ministry, the disciples quote him talking about money a lot. Why do you think Jesus talked about money as much as he did?
 2. Read Jesus' instructions from the Sermon on the Mount, one of his most comprehensive speeches, in Matthew 6:1-4, 19-24. What are Jesus' concerns about our hearts when it comes to money?
3. Now look at this dinner party that Jesus attended, in Mark 14:9-13. How do you think you might have felt about the woman's ostentatious display of wealth?
4. Jesus clearly approved of what she did. In your own words, how do you understand Jesus' explanation of why this woman's actions were appropriate?
5. Many at the party clearly struggled, being exposed to the financial behaviors of someone from a different wealth class. Look at the list of struggles Doug Mauss shared during the worship service. Which of these might be your own biggest area of struggle?
 - I have a financial plan for big goals in my life, which are aligned with who I am and what I value.
 - I have created or reassessed my budget in the last year and I let it guide my monthly spending, savings, and giving.
 - I believe most of life's richer things don't require money.
 - I recognize the blessings of generosity to both the giver and the receiver, therefore I give with an open heart.
 - I am able to live off my income. If not, I'm actively working to change my situation.
 - I don't get jealous or envious when others have more than me.
6. What is a single step you could take to work on changing that area of struggle?