

5. Display a jug of salty water in the centre of the group and some small glasses. Invite people to have a tiny drink.
 - a. Talk about money being like drinking salt water....the more you have the more you think you need. Read Hebrews 13:5 and pray for the gift of contentment.
 - b. Offer people a drink of pure water from another jug and then read Psalm 42:1-2. Pray that people will have a thirst for Jesus rather than for money.

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The following are ideas to help a church prayer meeting pray around the theme of "Giving of Resources."

1. Place a cross in the centre of the group.
 - a. Meditatively read an account of the crucifixion eg. Mark 15:21-37 with some quiet music underneath.
 - b. After a suitable pause read John 3:16-17 and move into a time of thanksgiving for what Jesus has done through His death and resurrection for us. You could sing a worship song together that focuses on what Jesus did on the cross. (eg. "When I survey the wondrous cross", "Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice" – Matt Redman, "Love ran red" – Chris Tomlin)
 - c. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 slowly twice. Invite people to think about their response to Jesus and what He has given them. How much of their resources of time and money are they willing to lay at His feet? What might Jesus want to do with some of their money?
2. At the beginning of the prayer meeting play Abba's song, "Money, money, money." (It is on YouTube)
 - a. Then read Matthew 6:19 and 6:24 and allow time for reflection.
 - b. Pray for one another in small groups that the Lord would become our greatest treasure and that we would be free to serve Him.

- c. Pray for the faith to trust that the Lord will provide what we need so that we are free to give generously to His kingdom work.
 - d. Pray for the release from the lie that having more and more money will make us happy.
 - e. Pray for the ability to live simply so that others may simply live.
3. Use a litany to focus on the goodness and faithfulness of God. You could use something like the following:

Lord we praise You for You are a generous God.
Your generosity is on display throughout creation.
You are good and Your love endures for ever
Thank you for faithfully providing for our needs.
You are good and Your love endures for ever
We marvel at Your incredible generosity in giving us Jesus and all the blessings that flow from knowing Him.
You are good and Your love endures for ever
Forgive us for failing to trust You with the money that You have entrusted into our care.
You are good and Your love endures for ever
Give us faith to give of our resources regularly, generously and sacrificially.
You are good and Your love endures for ever. Amen.
4. Read together Luke 19:1-10. Then read the story again slowly and invite people to enter imaginatively into the story.
 - a. Ask: "Behind closed doors, what would Jesus say to you to challenge you?" "Would he challenge you about how you use the resources / money on loan to you?" (Psalm 24:1)
 - b. Finally ask: "What will be your response to Jesus?"