

# 100 days with Jesus

Group Study No: 7

Matthew 6:24-34

## Introduction

'Money makes the world go round'

– Liza Minnelli in Cabaret

'Money, that's what I want'

– The Beatles

'Money, money, money in a rich man's world'

– Abba

'Living in a material world'

– Madonna

'Forget about the price tag'

– Jesse J

Of course everyone needs money. We need food and shelter, clothes and a roof, and a certain amount of pleasure and luxury. Jesus understands our need for cash, but he also understands our love for it. It is this, our cash

hunger, our money madness, our grubby, all consuming, love denying and life absorbing gold lust, that he sees as our ultimate life and peace despoiler.

## Discussion

1. Jesus says more about money than about prayer. Why do you think this is?
2. How can money control our life?
3. Is it right to think of money as a god?
4. Money is not evil; it is the love of money which can be evil. How can having money be good for a Christian?
5. What things do you worry about most?
6. What is the Christian antidote to worry?
7. Is overcoming worry something that you learn once, or is it something that you have to keep returning to?
8. Are there any particular bits of advice about overcoming worry that you would like to share with the group?

## Prayer

Lord you are more precious than silver,  
Lord you are more costly than gold,  
Lord you are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with you.  
Amen.