

## FUSION Q's... Becoming an Apprentice 5: Two Masters Equals Disaster

### **Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)**

Q1. If you were given \$1 million, what would you do with it?

Q2. For many people money represents freedom, happiness, power, contentment, and all the other things that this world has to offer. Yet over and over we hear stories of celebrities, athletes, millionaires, lotto winners, and many others who have had it all say that it was all a lie; in fact, it did just the opposite. With all the warnings out there, why is it that people still want money so badly? What does it represent to them? What does it represent to you?

Q3. How are Jesus' words the opposite of what society tells us about treasure? How does this affect what you think is treasure?

Q4. According to Jesus in the sermon on the mount, what is the result of focusing your eyes on the things of this world?

### **Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-16 (chasing money = chasing wind)**

Q5. What do you think it means to love money? Describe the character traits of this type of person.

Q6. What do you think of Solomon's advice? How is it possible to make money, but not let yourself love it?

Q7. Describe how Solomon's "toiling after the wind" relates to Jesus' statement about treasure.

### **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-12 (lusting for wealth)**

Q8. Do you think it is possible for you to be content with what Paul says we should be content with? Why or why not?

Q9. Why do people who know God has warned against pursuing riches, still chase after them instead of God?

Q10. What steps can you take in your life in order to make God your master instead of money or earthly things?

## **Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion**

### **Ecclesiastes 5:10-16 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

<sup>11</sup> As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

<sup>12</sup> The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

<sup>13</sup> I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, <sup>14</sup>or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him.

<sup>15</sup> Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.

<sup>16</sup> This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind?

### **1 Timothy 6:6-12 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

<sup>11</sup>But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.