

IN _____ WE TRUST

INTRO

if someone gave you a million dollars and told you it had to be spent in one day—and you can't give it to a charity, what would you spend it on?

DISCUSSION

1. How have you seen consumerism affect your life? What can you do to combat this?

2. Matthew 6:21 says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Talk about this as a group. What was Jesus getting at? In what ways are our hearts affected by where we put our money?

3. Read this Tim Keller quote from *Counterfeit Gods*.

"Some years ago I was doing a seven-part series of talks on the Seven Deadly Sins at a men's breakfast. My wife told me "I'll bet that the week you deal with greed you will have your lowest attendance." She was right. People packed it out for "Lust" and "Wrath" and even "Pride." But nobody thinks they are greedy. As a pastor I've had people come to me to confess that they struggle with almost every kind of sin. Almost. I cannot recall anyone ever coming to me and saying: "I spend too much money on myself. I think my greedy lust for money is harming my family, my soul, and people around me."

What do you think about that? Do you agree or disagree?

4. Pastor Mike talked about taking an inventory of your stuff. What do you think about that? Have you done it recently? What did you find?

PRAY

Pray for each other.

