

# NewSpring Church Personal Study Guide

## Where's my Bailout? — Week 5 — Stripped

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." When we put God first in our finances, we have the opportunity to see our personal lives improved but more importantly, we partner together to advance his kingdom through the ministry of NewSpring Church.

- What is the connection between putting Jesus first in your finances and spreading the gospel to the entire world?
- What are the excuses we will typically give for not taking responsibility for spreading the gospel?
- "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
- Why is reaching the world with the gospel a challenge for the church? What kinds of things distract individuals and churches from reaching people that need Jesus?
- What is your motivation for sharing your faith?

"Hell" is mentioned eleven times by Jesus in the New Testament. We should approach our responsibility to share our faith with urgency. Jesus said in Matthew 25:41, "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

- What proof from scripture can you offer that hell is a reality for those that die without faith in Christ? (Matt. 13:42, Matt. 22:13, Matthew 25:31-46, Mark 9:43, Rev. 14:9-11, Rev. 20:15)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (II Corinthians 5:17-19)

- What is the "ministry of reconciliation" and how are you fulfilling your commitment to this command in scripture?

In Acts 2:1-4 the Holy Spirit fell on everyone...God has NEVER been the One who empowers passivity and inactivity! We all need to be involved in spreading the gospel to the world. We cannot passively sit on the sidelines while people are facing eternity without Jesus. Have you told him, "it's all yours"?

- How is Jesus calling you to get more involved in his plan?