**100 Days with Jesus**

**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, and I am a material girl’ – 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.

**Questions**

Read Matthew 6:24-34

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 are the things you worry about most?
6. What is the Christian antidote to worry?
7. Is overcoming worry something you learn once, or is it something 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?

**Key question to finish: Who is God and how do we respond?**

**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.