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RESONATE MAGAZINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Use these discussion questions to dig deeper into the articles in your small group, church gathering or personal reflection.

Show me the money – Giving and taking for Generation Y, by Natalie Lammas

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1. Addiction is a constant, untameable need for a certain thing to the point where it is no longer only about choice but life. So is consumerism itself an addiction?
2. What is the difference between a Tithe, Offering and donation? Is the concept of the Tithe being taken over by the idea of donation to churches?
3. Why is it church-giving that is suffering while charity-giving is rising?
4. Discuss the implications of the statement "When buying products becomes the primary way in which many people meet their needs for satisfaction, happiness and community, giving money away becomes counter-intuitive to their sense of security". How do we change such an attitude in ourselves as well as in others?
5. When we are called to 'give up everything and follow Jesus', why is it so hard for us Christians to scale down our expenditure and consumeristic behaviours? Is it just the culture or is it the condition of our hearts?
6. Are we blurring the biblical fundamentals of following Christ in order for Jesus to suit our 'needs'; for us to feel better about our hyperconsumeristic lifestyles? Or is it contextualising Christianity to fit the 21st Century?
7. How has this article challenged your approach to your money, your giving and spending?

