

Sermon Discussion Questions

Debt—It's a Way of Life

June 4, 2017

1. Jeremy shared how he got into a bit of a hole with debt as a young man. Have you ever had a struggle with being in debt where you could relate to Proverbs 22:7?
 - Were you able to climb out of it? Why or why not?
 - Why is it almost taboo (like off limits—or mysteriously wrong) to talk about our money with each other?
2. What do Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Ecclesiastes 5:19; and 1 Timothy 6:17 have in common? What application can we draw from these passages?
3. In the Lord's prayer (esp. Matthew 6:12), what do you think 'forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors' means?
4. Sometimes getting out of debt can be difficult. Jeremy shared the "Envelope Budget" as a way of getting out of debt. Are there other ways that work well for any of us that we could help each other out with?
5. How might we live in debt (in practical ways) to the unsaved?
 - How might we live in debt to our brothers and sisters in Christ?
 - How can living with this kind of heart help us love well?
6. Jeremy shared how it can be hard to live as if you owe it to people (saved and unsaved) to do good and share Jesus with them (remember the June Bug story)? What makes it hard for you to live indebted to people?
 - Can you think of any debts we should never pay? Read Romans 12:17 and 1 Peter 3:8-10 for the answer. Have you ever struggled with this? Explain.
7. Read Psalm 116:12-14 and reflect on this: Like an apple tree heavy with fruit—we are so blessed. How can we be a blessing to others and rich toward God (or live life indebted to God)?