



ENGAGE

Break the Ice: (The purpose of these first questions is to help your group open up. Please don't feel like you have to ask each question. You may even have a better question. Once you feel that the group is engaged, move on to the "Inspire" section.)

- What was your first big purchase as a young adult? Looking back, would you describe it as wise or unwise?
- What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for God's Spirit to speak to your group through His Word.

INSPIRE

(Since the group may need time to process each question, don't let silence scare you. Try to avoid filling the space with unnecessary explanation or moving on from the question too quickly.)

1. Phil challenged us with this question, "Do I possess my money, or does my money possess me?"
 - How can money possess us? What does that look like?
 - How does our culture play a part in this?
 - According to our culture, money is... (ex. Money is power.)
 - Considering the things you just listed (what money is), how is that tied into the lie that money can buy happiness?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:10 and Ecclesiastes 5:10.
 - What is your main take-a-way from these verses?
 - What are the "all kinds of evil" that come from loving money?
 - How do cravings lead someone to wander away from his or her faith?
3. Read Proverbs 11:4.
 - As a follower of Christ with righteousness as our goal, why do we so often sacrifice righteousness for riches?
 - How can we strive for righteousness rather than riches when seeking joy?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
 - Understanding that the definition of "rich" is subjective, do you consider yourself as being "one of the rich" in this present age? Why or why not?
5. Read Proverbs 3:5-10.
 - What is the connection between trusting the Lord (v5) and how we handle our finances (v9)?
 - Why is it important to give God our "firstfruits" (v9)? What is the reward (v10; see also Matthew 6:33)?
6. Phil said, "Generosity is the testimony or the evidence that your heart has been transformed."
 - When we understand how generous Jesus was and still is, how does that impact our daily lives and our generosity towards others?
 - Are you generous?



EQUIP

(These questions will challenge your group members to apply the study to their daily lives. It is highly important that you go over this section with your group each week for the group study to be a success. Set aside 15-20 minutes at the end of your study to go over this section.)

This week, the challenge is to allow someone to speak into your life in regards to money. Ask your spouse or a friend to help you answer these questions:

- Does my flesh quickly resist what God's Word says about money?
- What does my level of debt and what I spend my money on say about what's important to me?
- What does my intentional giving reveal about my priorities? Am I laying up treasures in heaven?
- Am I trusting the Lord by giving in such a way that makes me dependent on him?
- Do I understand that God doesn't need my money; He wants what it represents in my life?

Prayer:

Take some time to pray over each group member's identified action steps and life issues.

Equip Your Mind:

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5, NIV)