

DOLLARS & SENSE week two

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV, NASB and The Message.

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Series Overview: Money. We all want & need it, but there never seems to be enough of it. So many of us are consumed with financial stress. Jesus had a lot to say about a better way. Find out what.

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//TALK

Ice Breaker - The zombie apocalypse is coming, who are 3 people [real or fictitious] you want on your team?

Q1 – How do you feel when you start to lose control of something? [ex. work, relationship, leadership role...] Why do you think you feel the need to have so much control?

Q2 – Answer the question, “**Do you fight for financial change or run from it and keep running from it with the hope it will just go away?**” What is your typical response to fear: Fight or Flight? Is it the same response to financial fear?

Q3 – Read **Proverbs 22:1-10** - [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? Read v. 7 again and consider how that message would resonate with a people who once spent 400 years in slavery.

Q4 – Would you agree that “**God has always wanted his people to be a blessing.**”? How does being in debt enslave a person from the ability to be generous?

Q5 – Read **Proverbs 6:1-7** - [Read in different translations] What stands out to you from Solomon’s advice? How can you become “wise” as the writer suggests?

Q6 – What would change if you began to trust God with every aspect of your life, including your finances, but not limited to them? Do you believe you could experience more peace/calm/joy in your life if you trusted God more?

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Check out some resources: Financial Peace University [FPU], Dave Ramsey Website [www.DaveRamsey.com] and Podcast, “If Money Talked” series by Andy Stanley on RightNow Media [free subscription through our weekly newsletter]. Also, read Proverbs 22 with a commentary. Read Deut. 28:12, Proverbs 13:7a, and Proverbs 25:28.

//THE POINT

Living simply is simply better than slavery

//MEMORIZE

Proverbs 22:7 ESV - The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

//PRAY

As you share prayer requests, take time to personally make requests known in an honest and safe environment. Pray for the needs of your group and if others are comfortable, encourage others to lead out in prayer as well as the group leader. Take a moment to pray for our church, the impact we can have on our community and that we will continue to follow God’s lead to move forward together. If anyone in your group is fearful about trusting God financially, take a moment and pray for peace and calm to replace their fear.