



Welcome to Week 4 of Money Wise!

We hope that this series has been challenging and helpful for your life group. **Remember, we encourage you to read through this guide and the Sermon Companion in order to choose which questions will best support your group discussion.** Feel free to include other questions from the message or passages that you like that complement what we have provided.

VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT

In the video this week, Cal explored **Luke 6:37-38**. Here are some concepts from the teaching that you may want to discuss with your group:

- **Many times, we throw away God's provision in our lives in order to chase after things that are much less valuable.**
- **We have more power over our finances than what we may think!**

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

It is hard to be a cheerful giver when our financial priorities are out of whack. When we spend more than what we should, saving becomes more difficult and giving can feel like a burden.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 shows us that giving is the opposite of burdensome—it is freeing! God wants us to develop the practice of generosity because it prepares us to be the kind of people that he wants us to be. He promises to bless those who are generous because he knows that generosity builds the Kingdom!

Question three in this section might be a good choice for groups who are younger in their faith: *Think about a time when you were a cheerful giver. Why were you excited to give? What stands out to you about this experience?*

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Proverbs 6:6-11 is a strongly worded passage. This piece of wisdom literature uses imagery to convey a practical and spiritual truth about hard work, planning and laziness. When we fail to plan for our finances, we often find ourselves in crisis. We feel attacked or robbed when we can't make ends meet. The good thing is, poverty and scarcity don't have to be "thieves" and "armed men" in our lives if we save! Saving money little by little can prepare us to overcome financial struggles when they come our way (without anxiety and debt!).

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

The first question in this section is a good question to use with a variety of groups. We can all learn from the generosity of the Macedonian Church. That is why Paul uses them as an example in his letter to the Corinthian church!

Need some budgeting tools to help you budget your money better? Check out this link (www.daveramsey.com/budgeting/how-to-budget/) or email Dave Briggs at dave.briggs@centralaz.com.

