



Welcome to Week 2 of Money Wise!

Worry plays a big part in a lot of people's hearts when the subject of money comes up. Below are some insights and suggestions for your time in group this week. **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

Focus on the following questions from the Sermon Companion to explore Jeremy's teaching with your group:

- **What did your parents teach you about money?**
- **What is Jesus teaching us about our value? What is Jesus teaching us about God's character?**
- **Which of the 4 steps to *Managing Money Without Worry* grabbed your attention?**
- **What do we gain by pursuing contentment?**
- **In your relationship with money, who is the master and who is the servant? How is God leading you to live differently in this area?**

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Matthew 6 is the anchor chapter that Jeremy uses to discuss how money and worry tend to go hand in hand. Jeremy pointed out that we feel very fragile when our finances are not where we want them to be. We imagine that things will be better when we have more money, but the truth is we often feel that we need *just a little more*—no matter how wealthy we get. The Bible teaches us that trusting God is one way that we can combat worry in our finances.

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Use this section to help your group explore the challenge of living in a society of consumerism. We are bombarded with advertisements that make us feel discontent. **A 2006 study found the average individual in a city is exposed to over 3000 – 5000 ads every day.** *Keeping up with the Jones'* is a way of life for many people, but the Bible teaches us an alternative to this way of life.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Jeremy talked about *4 steps to Managing Money Without Worry*:

1. Prioritize in advance.
2. Automate your values.
3. Plan your generosity.
4. Develop a taste for contentment.

Contentment isn't being resigned to your situation. It is enjoying God's provision in this season. Learning to be content as the Bible teaches gives us hope and a path to a better future.

