

WEEK 8:

HOW DOES GOD VIEW MONEY?

Objective: Gain insight on the priority God places on money and the place we put it in our lives. A speaker will teach boldly and honestly about the complexities of money — that it is both necessary to our lives but also a possible stumbling block in worshipping the Provider.

PRAYER POINTS

- Everyone will be open-minded to the truth that all we have belongs to God and He has entrusted it to us. We are not owners, but instead, we are managers of His resources.
- People will be honest in their assessment of how they manage their money.
- Those who have never tithed to the church would start.
- People will see this topic as an issue between themselves and God.
- Anyone needing help with their finances/budgeting will take the next step to find a financial coach or ministry to help them become godly money managers.
- That the shorter discussion time is managed wisely and God uses it to open people's hearts to His ways.

LEADER PREPARATION

- Prepare your future Life Group leader to help lead discussion tonight.
- Consider inviting future Rooted leaders to join you at the facilitator meeting for this session and introduce them to Rooted leadership team.
- Your group time will be shortened tonight due to the large group speaker, so plan your time accordingly.
- Prepare to tell your story of stewardship and your view of money.

45 minutes – Large Group Speaker

25 minutes - Group Time

- If anyone has not shared their two-minute story yet, have them do it in this session.
- What was the most valuable thing you had as a kid? Was there anyone you trusted with it?
- Are you a saver or a spender?

30 minutes - Discussion

- Share your own story of stewardship with the group. Where is it easy for you to live as God instructs and where is it difficult?
- Do you relate more to being an owner or a manager of God's resources?
- What questions or emotions did tonight's discussion of money bring?
- How can you remember that God is the owner and we are the managers?

10 minutes - Prayer Requests/Closing

- Pray for the whole group at once or break into pairs and have them pray for each other.
- Prepare for telling your story of faith next week. Ask members to pray for opportunities to share their faith.

WORKBOOK REVIEW

How Does God View Money?

The focus this week is on gaining insight into God's provision, managing His resources, and living a God-honoring lifestyle with our money.

Day 1 It's a Heart Issue

- Look at the Bible verses above and on the previous page. Circle those which challenge or encourage you.
- How do these verses align with your current view of money?

Day 2 Owner v. Manager

- In your mind, what is the difference between an owner and a manager?
- Where have you been acting like an owner?
- Where have you been acting like a manager?
- What has been your experience with budgets?

Day 3 Joining God in His Work

- What is your experience with giving?
- How are you "blessed to be a blessing?"
- What gets in the way of you being a regular, faithful giver?

Day 4 Freedom from Debt

- What debt do you have? What is it doing to the condition of your heart?
- Why is it important to reduce/eliminate debt completely?
- What step are you going to take to begin getting out of debt?

Day 5 In God We Trust

- When it comes to providing for your needs, where are all the places you trust God (job, health, bank accounts)?
- What are the results?
- What would it look like for you to courageously trust Him with your finances?