

## **MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE**

Week 1 | M&Ms...Money Managers

- 1. Do remember how much a gallon of gas cost when you started driving?
- 2. In this message, we talked about money & Joel acknowledged that this topic makes us nervous. What are 3 words or adjectives that describe how you feel about talking about money?
- 3. This series is called **U**conomy because we can't control the **E**conomy but you can control your own personal economy. What does that mean to you?
- 4. Read Proverbs 3:13-14 & discuss those verses as well as this line from the message, *money will give you a happy moment; wisdom will give you joy for a lifetime.*
- 5. What role does wisdom (and the lack of it) play in our money?
- 6. What do you remember at the M&M illustration? Did it surprise you that we only have 2% or a little sliver of an M&M leftover to save, spend, or give on average?
- 7. Read Proverbs 13:11. Discuss what that verse means to you as well as Joel's ingredients to wealth (*hard work + boring investments + time = more M&Ms*).
- 8. Read Proverbs 22:7. In this message, we learned that debt isn't your friend. How does debt make you feel? How would being debt free make you feel?
- 9. Did it surprise you that when we use cash versus a credit card, we spend 12-18% less on average? What budget categories could you consider going to cash with?
- 10. According to Malachi 3:10, what happens when we tithe? Why does tithing (returning 10% back to God) force you to make a plan with the remaining 90% & why do you think God honors that?
- 11. What's 1 thing you plan on doing after hearing this message?



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