

Algorithm

Week 1 10/16/16

Ice Breaker: (Have everyone participate)

Share with your group a time when you followed a specific process, or a set of rules that were given to you, and you had a bad outcome or return.

Small Group Focus:

Who do you allow to lord over your money? **Hint: It isn't you.

Tough Questions to Consider: (Have 3-4 people answer each question.)

1. If you are being honest with yourself, are you living within your means?
2. What are you doing to get out of debt slavery?

Text: (Pick different people to read each passage.)

1. Proverbs 22:7
 - a. *Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.*
2. Matthew 6:24
 - a. *"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*
3. Joshua 24:14-15
 - a. *"So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. 15But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."*

Group Questions: (Have 3-4 people answer each question.)

1. Do you feel like your finances are serving you (i.e. creating space for debt free vacations, date nights, family adventures, etc.)? Why or why not?
2. Do you feel financially secure? Why or why not?
3. If you are in debt, what has stopped you from getting out of it?
4. If you are out of debt, what did you proactively do to achieve that?

Challenge: (Have everyone answer.)

What can you do this week to help you feel more financially secure?

Prayer: (Try and get everyone involved.)

"Father, I give you my finances because I know that all I have comes from your hand in my life. Please give me the wisdom to find your financial freedom."