



Week 4: Not Your Average...Bank Account January 25-26, 2020 | Dave Ramsey

This weekend, guest speaker, Dave Ramsey, joins us to share insights on what it looks like to live an above average life with our finances.

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Are you more of a spender or saver? Share an example or two of why you'd call yourself one or the other.
2. Talk about a time you made a bad decision with money. Maybe it was an impulsive purchase, or you were just in over your head. What did that look like for you?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. When you learn about Jesus, you learn that He cared about people. So, our business should be about relationships, not transactions.
2. Money will only make you more of what you already are.
3. Jesus talked more in the parables about money than anything else.
4. It's not an accident to win.
5. We are meant to be generous people.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Proverbs 10:22, 22:7; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 14:28; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Colossians 3:23

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck out to you. What made it resonate with you?
2. Who is the most generous person you know? Talk about who that person is and a time you saw his or her generosity. What do you admire about him or her?
3. Read Matthew 6:19-24. Read slowly and out loud, if possible. The famous words, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" are found in this passage. Talk about some of the things you treasure most in your life.
4. We give our heart to the things we treasure most. So, when we give our heart to money, we can begin to worship it. Have you ever found this to be true in your life? Share what that has looked like.
5. God gives us clear instructions on how to handle our finances. Our guest speaker named a few of them: Get out of debt, Live on a budget, Foster high quality relationships, Be generous. Which of these do you struggle most with? Talk about how you'd like this area of your life to look, if you grew in it.
6. Dave Ramsey also said, "Money will only make you more of what you already are." (*Depressed, Lonely, Angry, etc*). Based on this, do you think money would do more to help you or hurt you in certain areas of your life? Talk about what that would look like.
7. Since we cannot serve to masters (both God and money), it's important that we always strive to seek Him first. Talk about what your life would look like if God was the only one you served. What would be different about you and the way you live?

8. Our first step towards financial freedom is getting out of debt and remembering where everything comes from: God. Name one way this week you could do something to gain better control of your money. Then, talk about something you could do to bring glory to God with it... how could you be generous this week?

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for your love. Thank you for your generosity. We remember that everything in this world comes from you and is meant for your glory. We commit to seeking first your Kingdom, and remembering to have our treasure be with you and you alone. Help us live out the freedom we receive from Jesus in all the areas of our life.

Amen.