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NOTES

Scripture: Matthew 6:24, Philippians 4:11-13, 1 Timothy 6:6, 17-19, Hebrews 13:5, Proverbs 23:4, 2 Timothy 6:5, Luke 16:11, Proverbs 27:23-24, Proverbs 22:7, Proverbs 21:20, and Ephesians 4:28

REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

- 1. Looking back over your notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging, or interesting in this week's teaching? Was there anything you've never heard before or something that made you think differently?
- 2. Over the past two weeks, Chris shared with us a roadmap from Paul in Philippians 4 to conquer anxiety (1. Choose a positive mindset, 2. Respond with grace, 3. Remember God is with you, 4. Stop, drop, and pray, and 5. Start with thanks) and some specific steps we can apply to help us focus our thoughts on what is good. (1. Limit time on social media, 2. Limit news intake, 3. Limit exposure to negative people, 4. Immerse yourself in beauty, 5. Think about God's Word, and 6. Live your life for God). Have you tried implementing any of these steps? What happened?

MY STORY

- 1. Do you have any fears about not having enough or not being able to get what you want?
- 2. How comfortable are you in your finances?

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- 3. Is inflation affecting you? How? Does it give rise to any fear in you?
- 4. What are you doing to counter or live with inflation?
- 5. Chris defined financial freedom as "a life free from excessive worry about money". Do you agree with this definition? What's the difference between excessive worry and legitimate concern about your finances?
- 6. Do you feel like you have this kind of financial freedom? Why or why not?
- 7. Chris also defined financial freedom as "freedom from the endless pursuit of more." Given this second definition, do you consider yourself to have financial freedom? Why or why not?
- 8. Chris said your net worth does not equal your self-worth. What is meant by self-worth? How do you view your self-worth?
- 9. How do you view money? Do you base your sense of security on how much money you have?
- 10. Do you see yourself as a generous person or not? Why did you answer this way?
- 11. If you tithe or have given generously, do you have any stories about how God has blessed you in that? Share these stories in your Life Group to encourage one another.
- 12. Read Ephesians 4:28. What is God saying to you with this scripture?

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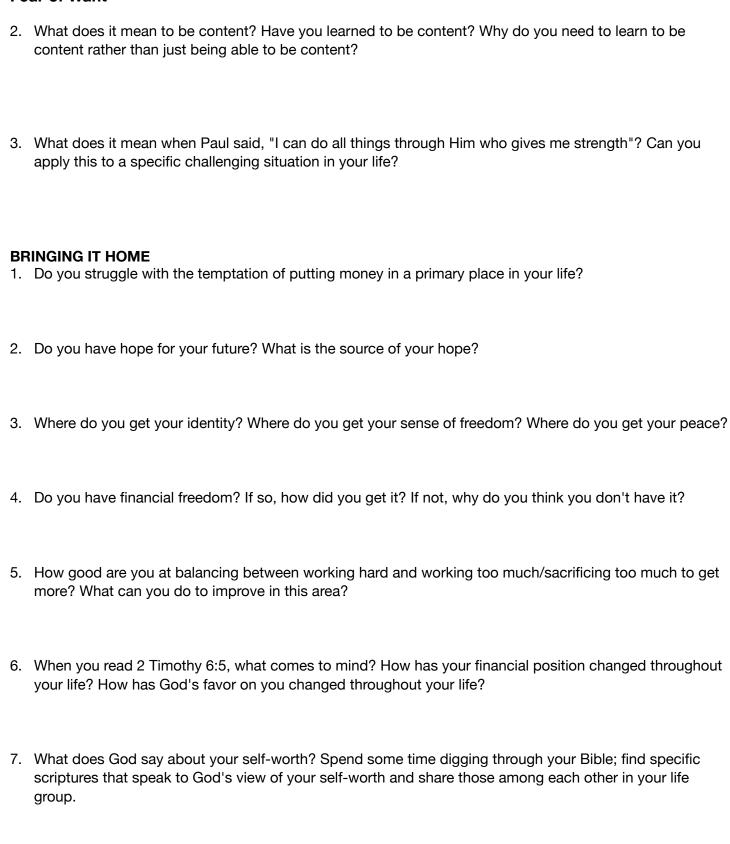
Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.

Read Matthew 6:24, Philippians 4:11-13, 1 Timothy 6:6, Hebrews 13:5, Proverbs 23:4, and 1 Timothy 6:17

1. Have you ever thought of anything as being your master? Have you thought about money being your master?

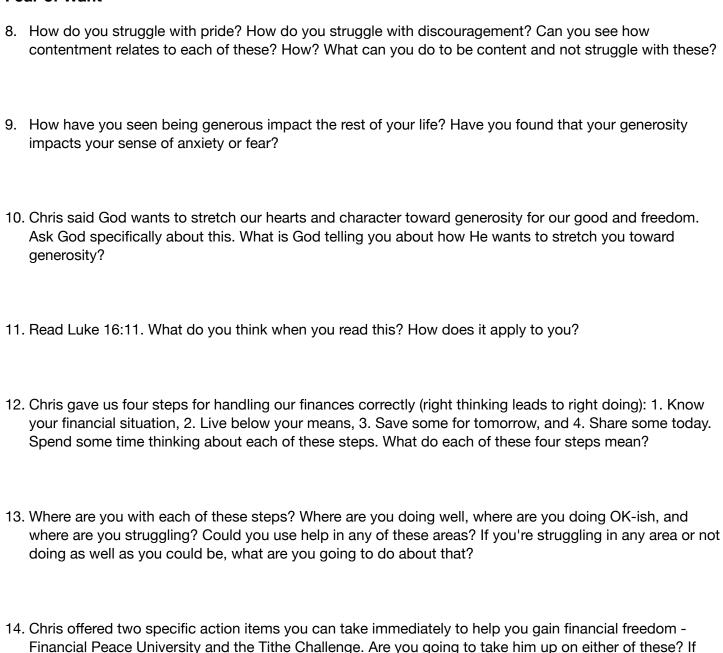
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Your Next Steps are: 1) Take a serious look at your financial situation (Step 1 Chris gave – know your financial situation). Do you have financial freedom? If not, take a tangible step in getting there. If the state of your finances are a cause of anxiety and worry because there isn't enough, sign up for Financial Peace University. If you're caught up in the endless pursuit of more, take a real step towards generosity by choosing to give in a new and intentional way (if you're not sure how and you don't tithe already, consider the Tithe Challenge).

not, why not? Is there something else you can do to achieve financial peace?