

## **Somehow I Manage**

### **Part 2 - Beyond the Numbers**

#### **Big Idea**

In this new message series, “Somehow I Manage”, Pastor Ryan is focused on helping us see both money and life through God’s eyes, so that we can live with hope regarding our financial situations. When we look at finances as purely numbers, we see five basic laws of sound money management: earning, spending, saving, investing and giving. But to find hope and freedom in our finances, we need to understand that God sees beyond the numbers. He has greater insight into our finances than the world does— and His way of managing money works. Recognize that you’re called to a great purpose, be content, depend on God, steward what He’s given you, take care to live generously, and you will find hope in your finances. God’s way works!

*35 The Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*  
**Acts 20**

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Explain your view of money as you grew up and now as an adult. Discuss with the group what you have learned about money through God’s Word.
2. Explain and discuss with the group which of the five perspectives— earning, spending, saving, investing or giving— impacted you the most?
3. Talk about what it means to be God-dependent as opposed to independent. Discuss what benefits come from us putting our trust in God and not relying solely on our skills and talents.

#### **Prayer Focus**

Pray that God would show you any area of your finances where you are not approaching things with His perspective. Ask Him to help you live for eternity and show you how to leverage your resources for the sake of heaven. Thank Him for His future provision and blessing with which you will be able to make an even greater difference.

#### **Next Step**

Examine your approach to money and personal finances and ask God to show you any areas in which you are not aligned with His principles. As you consider your finances, be mindful of the fact that everything you have belongs to Him and that you are merely managing what He has given you.