

Income-ING!: Dropping Dollars- Discussion Guide Week 2

Connect

Main Idea: God has called us to be good managers. But it's hard to manage well when our finances are a ticking time bomb. Responsible spending comes from worshiping God and trusting that He will provide all our needs if we put Him first.

Introduction: Money along with so many other things fight for your heart. How you spend your money usually reveals your priorities. Do you focus more on the money than Who the money came from? It is easy to get so caught up in making money, spending money, and worrying about money that we often forget to thank and worship God for providing our needs.

Discussion Starter: Do you know where you are dropping your dollars? What are some unnecessary purchases or investments you could part ways with? (i.e collectibles, get rich quick schemes, storage stuff).

Grow

Primary Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-7, Haggai 1:5-7, Matthew 6:24, 33-34 and Luke 15:11-24

Discussion Questions:

1. How were finances taught in your home, or is it something you are learning how to zero in on your own?
2. Read Proverbs 22:1-7. What can we do to switch our mindset from one of deserving to one of humility?
3. Read Haggai 1:5-7. Why was the Lord rebuking the people? Where were their priorities?
4. Do we have our priorities in line when it comes to making financial decisions, or are we putting coins in "purses with holes in them"?
5. Read Matthew 6:24, 33-34. What does it mean to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you"?
6. Read Luke 15:11-24. What is something in your life you wish you would have waited for? (i.e. lower interest rates on your home loan, a better deal on something you just had to have).

Protect

Break into groups of 2-3 (same gender if a coed group) and discuss ways you can focus your dollars and reign in unnecessary spending. Make a plan to connect with each other in-person, call, or text this week.