

"Financial Freedom"



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

On Sunday, Pastor Nick concluded our brief finance series by talking about financial freedom. He asked a question that was a theme throughout his message: Do you manage your money or does your money manage you? Ultimately, we have been given what we have as a gift from God. We should be diligent to do all that we can to honor God with how we take care of and manage what we have. If we want to manage our money well, there are a couple things we need to do: work hard, spend less, kill debt and cheerfully give.

Do you manage your money or does your money manage you?

- ◆ Would you say that you tend to either manage your money or allow it to control you?
- ◆ Describe some dangers that arise when your money manages you.

Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

1. Work hard

- ◆ In what way does the Bible speak to the value of work?
- ◆ What are some of the benefits Nick shared that come from hard work?

2. Spend less

- ◆ Do you know where the entirety of your money is going?
- ◆ What value does identifying and following a budget bring?

3. Kill debt

- ◆ Would you say that you are living a lifestyle you can afford?
- ◆ What steps can you take to begin eliminating your debt?

4. Cheerfully give

- ◆ In what way have you seen the benefits of your own generosity?
- ◆ What are some ways that you can grow in your generosity, even non-financial?

Now what?

- ◆ What steps are you going to take to better manage your money?
- ◆ Who is someone that can hold you accountable with this journey to financial freedom?

Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*