

# Finances



## 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.

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On Sunday, Billy continued in our *Rethinking Your Life* series by talking about our view and perspective of finances. He talked about how the love of money leads to greed which leads to destruction. We studied several verses in 1 Timothy 6 where Paul lays out 4 truths about money: It won't make you happy, it doesn't last, we don't need a lot, and it's never enough. Billy taught about two different mindsets: fear which leads to greed and faith which leads to generosity. We are never more like God than when we give so we were encouraged to find opportunities to be generous, reflect the image of God and fund life change!

*"Generosity isn't about getting money out of your pocket,  
it's about getting greed out of your heart."*

- ◆ In what way is generosity so much more than just physically giving money?
- ◆ In what way does 1 Timothy 6:19 describe the future of truly generous people?

## Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

1. It won't make you happy
  - ◆ In what way does money give you a false sense of happiness?
2. It doesn't last
  - ◆ Often, how long is the life cycle of the happiness money can provide you?

## 3. We don't need a lot

- ◆ Describe the relationship between "need" and "want" when it comes to personal finances.
- ◆ As you consider your budget, are you living within your means?

## 4. It's never enough

- ◆ What happens to people's satisfaction level if they have an unchecked and inappropriate level of love for money?

## 5. Fear Mindset -> Greed

- ◆ Would you ever place "fear" in the same camp as "greed"? In what way have you experienced/observed it to be true?
- ◆ What are you saying about God when you allow fear to influence your finances?

## 6. Faith Mindset -> Generosity

- ◆ What are the differences between a faith and fear mindset when it comes to finances?
- ◆ In what way does a faith mindset cause you to think eternally?

## Now what?

- ◆ What steps do you need to take in order to make the most impact for the Kingdom of God with your finances?
- ◆ Text FPU to 3302649459 for information about Financial Peace University starting 2/20!

## 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?*