



Northland Christian Church Group Discussion Guide For the Week of August 15, 2021

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- Would you rather win \$1,000,000 or earn \$1,000,000? Why? What difference would it make?
- What piece of financial advice would you give your younger self if you could?

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

Luke 16:10-13, Proverbs 21:20, 22:7

The Context - More than Money

Money is important. Shocker, right. It's something we all deal with. And if we were being honest we wouldn't mind dealing with more. Not just more money, but more understanding, more peace, and more freedom. We all would rather money be the blessing of work, instead of the burden of why we work. We would all rather see money helping us enjoy life, instead of being a drain on life. Think about it: you would rather tell your money where it's going instead of asking where it's all going. Right!?! Why? **Money is a terrible master but it is a great servant.** The good news is we can learn the principles we need from the Bible and others to be great managers and tell our money what to do. It means your money can work for you, not you working for your money.

Discuss & Apply

Dave gave us five great principles (share them again and discuss people's comfort with the principles; or how they have been helpful or challenging for them) and four great questions when thinking about our money.

- **It's about more than money, it's about trust.**
- **Decide to put God first with your finances.**
- **Decide to spend less than you make.**
- **Decide to avoid debt.**
- **Decide to plan for the future. ([Proverbs 6:6-8](#))**

Stewardship: Do I believe God really owns it all?

READ Psalm 24:1

1. Is this something that is easy or hard for you to grab ahold of as the first money principle? Why? What are some practical ways we can display this truth through the way we use money?

Contentment: Do I believe that what I have right now is enough? READ Philippians 4:11-13

2. What does a contented person look like? Do you believe you can be content with what you have? How has giving impacted your contentment and view of money?

Faith: Do I believe in God enough to always give generously? READ Matthew 6:19-24, 2 Corinthians 8:9-11

3. Are there competing priorities that might hinder you from desiring to be generous? Are there any fears or beliefs that keep you from being generous?

Wisdom: Do I believe God's wisdom enough to practice it with my financial decisions? READ Ephesians 5:15-17, Proverbs 3:13-14, 19-22

4. Where has following biblical wisdom shown itself relevant in your life or in the world around you? How has ignoring biblical wisdom affected your life or the world around you?
5. Do you have an updated and accurate and well-thought out budget? Do you utilize it? Someone need some great and free resources to help with their finances? www.compass1.org/resources/
6. What is one thing that God is asking you to step out in faith & alter in how you steward money & resources? How can we help?

End your group time in prayer.