

**Note:** This week's message on "MONEY" was laid out in topical form, in other words, it used multiple passages instead of rooting in just one main text from the Bible. This certainly makes approaching a group discussion a little different. Below is an overview of the message, and then some questions in response to the different points:

**Message Overview:**

- We all have at times worried about money
- We all also want to be good stewards with money
  - [Proverbs 31:13-31](#) gives a GREAT example of a woman handling money very well!
- There are three main things we can do with money: **spend, save, and give.**
- Area #1 - Call to discern and **budget** well:
  - [Put your outdoor work in order and get your fields ready; after that, build your house. \(Prov. 24:27\)](#)
- Area #2 – Discussion on **Debt**
  - [The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. \(Proverbs 22:7\)](#)
  - [Key is contentment in God \(1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:6-10, Phil 4:11-13\)](#)
- Area #3 – Discussion on **Saving** (“There is a ditch on either side”)
  - Ditch of not saving enough: [The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down. \(Proverbs 21:20\)](#)
    - See also [Prov. 6:6-8, Prov. 13:22](#)
  - Ditch of saving too much/trusting too much in savings: [See Luke 12:15-21](#)
- Area #4 – Generous **Giving**
  - Paradigm that everything belongs to God: [Haggai 2:8, Job 41:11, Lev. 25:23](#)
  - Giving is a way to worship and grow in trust.
    - *Don't give to Riverside if you have issues with "churches and money,"... but still give to God via other avenues/organizations!*
- Transition to Communion/Worship/Prayer:  
[John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.](#)
- Closing Resources to Consider:
  - ["The Treasure Principle" by Randy Alcorn. Small book, amazing, and also has a "bible study" available to go through content as a group](#)
  - ["Freed-up financial living" course \(DVD with workbooks\) that the church has available for groups, very practical and powerful](#)
  - [Crown Ministry Financial Course](#)
  - [Specific church leaders gifted in the area of finances \(who have the heart of a teacher\) are available](#)
  - [Key is to make money a NORMAL part of conversations, as a Home Group, with friends, as a church...](#)

**Discussion/Topic Starters** (Ice Breakers)

- Growing up, what was your family culture like around money? How has it changed for you from childhood to present?
- Keith mentioned there are three main things we can do with money: Spend, Save, Give –  
-which of these three areas “resonate” most with you in terms of “growth” area as well as “it’s going well” area

**Various Passage**

- Why is it important to manage our financial life well?
- Keith walked through 4 “topics” with money: Budgeting, Debt, Saving, Giving
  - Which of these four areas “resonate” most with you in terms of “it’s going well”?
  - Which if them do you need to work on most and why?
  - What is God saying to you in this specific area, how will you respond this week?
- How would you characterize your giving (time, talent, money) and why?
  - What is God saying to you in this specific area, how will you respond this week?

**NOTE:** HG leaders, in the above “message overview” the passages for each of these areas are given. Use them as the H.S. leads you and use them to prompt follow-up questions for each area/topic as people share.

**Recommended Follow-up:**

- **Pray:** Thank God together for the life and blessings and resources He’s given each of us and us collectively. Pray that we would grow to become more like Jesus, reflected in part in how we manage/steward the resources God has entrusted to us.
- **Respond:** Consider as individuals or as a group some of the resources Keith mentioned on Sunday (detailed in the above “message overview” section)
- **Read:** Next week starts our Summer in the Psalms Series; the first sermon will be on [Psalm 46](#). Take time prior to next Sunday to read & study the passage, pray through the passage, meditate on the passage, etc.