

WEEK 8: HOW DOES GOD VIEW MONEY?

OBJECTIVE

Gain insight into God's provision, managing His resources, and living a God-honoring lifestyle with the things He's given us. Ask questions that help your group determine what sacrificial generosity and stewardship look like for them.

CHECK LIST

- Prepare future small group leaders to help lead the discussion. Consider inviting them to the Rooted training.
- Prepare to tell your story of stewardship, and your view of money to begin the conversation.
- Have two people share stories if needed.

PRAYER POINTS

Everyone will be open-minded to the truth that all we have belongs and has been entrusted to us by God, and that the shortened discussion time is used wisely for God to capture hearts.

People will be honest in their assessment of how they manage their money, and those who have never tithed would consider what that could look like in their life and for the church.

Anyone needing help with their finances/budgeting will take the next step to find a financial coach or ministry to help them become godly money managers.

GROUP TIME

Large Group Gathering—40 minutes

- Speaker will teach on biblical financial principles and set up the group discussion.

Break into Rooted Groups—5 minutes

- Allow time for people to get to your group.

Story – 10 minutes

- Have two people share their 2-5 minute story of how they came to Christ, or how they ended up in this group.

TIP: Take notes when each person shares their story, writing down things they question or may not believe, or breakthroughs in their spiritual journey. You will use all of these notes when you pray for them to break free of strongholds, and during the celebration.

Introductory Question—10 minutes

TIP: Your group time will be shortened tonight due to the large group speaker, so plan your time accordingly.

- What was the most valuable thing you owned as a kid?
- Are you a saver or a spender?

Discussion—40 minutes

- Share your own story of stewardship with the group. Where is it easy for you to live as God instructs, and where is it difficult?
- What challenged you or impacted you from your reading this week? What questions or emotions did tonight's discussion of money bring? How can you remember that God is the owner, and we are the managers?

Prayer Requests—10 minutes

Closing—5 minutes

- Confirm everyone knows the time and date for the Rooted celebration and gather RSVPs.
- Encourage your group to tell their faith story to someone in the community during the Week 9 readings. Ask members to pray for opportunities to share their faith. Remind them that our responsibility is to go where God leads us. The results of the conversation and the condition of the heart of the receiver are God's responsibility.

TIP: Be sensitive to those in the group who may not be believers. They have a story, and it matters. Make sure to communicate that so they don't feel isolated during this coming week. Encourage them to share about a time they felt there was something bigger than themselves, or experienced true community, love, and acceptance, or how they ended up in Rooted and what they are learning.

WORKBOOK REVIEW

How Does God View Money?

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

DAY 1 – IT’S A HEART ISSUE

Look at the Bible verses above and on the previous page. Circle those that challenge or encourage you.

How do these verses align with your current view of money?

DAY 2 – OWNER VS. MANAGER

In your mind, what is the difference between an owner and a manager?

Where have you been acting like an owner?

Where have you been acting like a manager?

What has been your experience with budgets?

DAY 3 – JOINING GOD IN HIS WORK

What is your experience with giving?

How are you “blessed to be a blessing?”

What gets in the way of you being a regular, faithful giver?

DAY 4 – FREEDOM FROM DEBT

What debt do you have? What is it doing to the condition of your heart?

Why is it important to reduce/ eliminate debt completely?

What step are you going to take to begin getting out of debt?

DAY 5 – IN GOD WE TRUST

When it comes to providing for your needs, where are all the places you trust God (job, health, bank accounts, etc.)?

What are the results?

What would it look like for you to courageously trust Him with your finances?