

# Group Life.

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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Can you think of a bad financial decision you've made in your life? What did you learn from that decision?

OR

What's one thing Jesus taught about money that sticks in your mind? How has that truth helped you in your life?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

**Read Proverbs 27:23-27.**

What most stood out to you from David's message?

Many people think that churches preach on money too often. Has that been an opinion you've held in the past? Why do people find it difficult to listen to preaching on the topic of money?

## INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

**Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.** Identify the various ways this passage connects with David's message. Which part of the passage stands out to you?

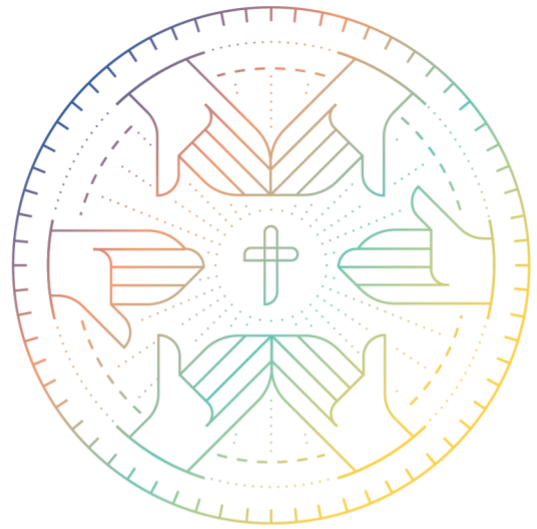
**Host Guidance:** David talked about being haughty about our money. The passage tells us that God wants us to enjoy what he gives us, which was part of David's five aspects of biblical stewardship. Be sure your group notices v.18-19 including Paul's three-fold description of living generously. Notice how we lay up treasures in heaven.

**Read Proverbs 6:6-11.** What does this passage warn us against? What are the characteristics of the ant which should also describe us?

**Host Guidance:** This passage warns us against being a " sluggard." A sluggard is a person unwilling to work, lazy or unmotivated. It could include someone unwilling to provide for or improve

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themselves. An ant is prepared for seasons of plenty and seasons of scarcity. An ant doesn't sleep more than needed but is motivated to provide all that they need as God has given them the opportunity.

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.** How does this passage add to our understanding of biblical stewardship?

**Host Guidance:** Generosity is a principal of Kingdom living. It pleases God and brings about God's abundance. God loves cheerful giving! And he promises to provide for the one who lives generously so that good works can multiply.

## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

How would you describe a person who sits on the throne of their money? What behaviors would they exhibit?

In what practical ways can we store up treasures in heaven as opposed to focusing solely on earthly riches? What's one shift in your priorities you can make to invest more in eternal matters?

If stewardship encompasses more than money, what's one area of your life where you might take a step to become a better steward?

**Host Guidance:** Answers might include things like become a better steward of time (not to waste valuable time), steward our bodies better through fitness or healthy eating, steward relationships by greater commitment and focus on key relationships, etc.

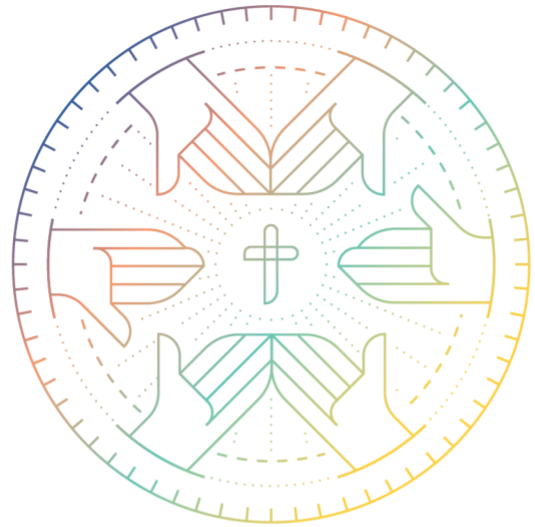
David spoke about the Five Aspects of Biblical Stewardship (see below). Are these five aspects true in your life? Are your aspects in the same order as David's? If not, how might you go about changing the order?

1. Honor God
2. Take care of your responsibilities
3. Save for the future
4. Be generous towards others
5. Enjoy what God has given

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## PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for all you provide to us. We are so blessed. Help us to respond by living generously and being willing to share with those who are in need. We desire to live with open hands knowing that every good gift comes from you, and that you can supply our needs with abundance. We trust you for all that we need. Amen.*