



Questions that prompted the Pop Up Sermon -

- How do I teach my children not to spend all their allowance all at the Dollar Tree? How do I teach them to save.
- Pray for me. I'm living paycheck to paycheck and I'm not even doing that.

Discipleship- following Christ in our context (to come along and teach)

How were you reared/raised to handle money? Which one best describes you?

- Grew up where our parents taught us well.
- Grew up in families where money wasn't handled well.
- Grew up where family did not handle money well and wanted to change for the better.
- Grew up where family did handle money well but you have gone off the rails.

The Bible talks about money over 800 times. It is obvious that God has some thoughts and commands on money and our handling of it.

Remind group members - It is not money but the **love of money** that is the root of all evil – 1 Timothy 6:10

Proverbs 13

"A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. From the fruit of his mouth a man eats what is good, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence. Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied."

Proverbs 13:1-4

Diligent - consistent, hard-working, persistent, focus, disciplined, tenacious.

Here are the points from the sermon - Take time to discuss some of these points.

1. Put God first and be a faithful and generous giver. (What does it mean to put God first? Generous giving – what might that look like for those in your group?)
2. Don't have chores. Have jobs. – Interestingly enough, work is not a part of the curse of man. Work was instituted in the Garden – Genesis 2:15 - The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
3. Use half as much and it will last twice as long. Very practical here. What are some things you can begin using half of to go twice as far? (Medicine, etc. are not a good thing to do this with in case someone suggests these kinds of things.)
4. God owns it all. – We have talked about ownership before and how we deceive ourselves into thinking that we own but actually God allows/trusts us to steward what is His. How might we change our thoughts and actions if we believed and lived in a way that showed that we are only stewards rather than owners?
5. 10/10/80 principle - tithe 10%/ (Luke 20:45-47; 21:1-4) / 10% savings / 80% spend - tithe is an act of surrender and giving up control. Give time for people to discuss this very practical way to handle what God owns and allows us to steward?

Read these verses –

And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." - Luke 20:45-47

"Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.""
Luke 21:1-4 ESV

What is your attitude toward giving? Towards helping others who may be in a tough spot financially?

6. Starbucks is costing you Bigbucks. (Could be anything that you are allowing to enslave you.)
7. Lunch is expanding your waistline and hurting your bottom line.
8. Stop going out until you have more coming in than you do going out.

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender." - Proverbs 22:7 ESV

We are stewards and God owns it and trusts us to steward it well.

Be very sensitive that many may be struggling financially. Take time to listen and share biblical responses to questions and don't try to fix problems but point to resources that are available. Remind people that the church has a Food Pantry that is available for them to not only serve others but to receive food themselves as well.

Take prayer requests and close in prayer.