



The Road to Financial Freedom - Week 4
Scripture; Luke 19:1-10, Luke 21:1-4

January 29th, 2023

DAILY DEVOTION

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!

<http://bible.com/r/3CZ>

INSPIRATION

"We understand why in the Bible repentance precedes faith. Before people find their need -- love met in God, they are looking to other things, often money, for satisfaction. So believing in God has to involve a 180-degree turn away (that is, repentance) from the love of money to find contentment and confidence for the future simply in knowing God and depending on His promises."

- Daniel Fuller

ICE BREAKER

1. If money were not an issue, what would you be passionate about doing with your time?
2. How have you experienced God's Faithfulness in your life recently?

DEEP DIVE

Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

"The Road to Financial Freedom is paved with good intentions. We want to experience true financial freedom – but...

I want to honor God, but...I want to get out of debt, but...I want to feed the pig but, ...

There are lots of excuses but the key to financial freedom – is one little decision...at a time."



Read Matthew 15:8 and then answer the following questions:

3. Mark talked about two characters in the book of Luke that experienced financial freedom. One was an extremely wealthy Tax collector who was hated for his allegiance to the Roman Oppressors, his greed, abuse of power and....The other was a poor nameless widow at the temple, who Jesus brought attention to because she placed two small coins worth less than a penny into the offering. How is Jesus' interaction with them most inspiring to you?
4. The Pharisees and some of the religious Leaders that Jesus was the most critical of knew all the "right"(traditional) things to say but their hearts were far from him. Their calloused hearts were not changed by God's word and the generosity of his love. Zaccheaus's heart, however, is instantly transformed after one meal with Jesus and we see the evidence in his proclamation of generosity and restitution to those that he wronged. "Look, Lord! Here and now! give half of everything I own to the poor, and will pay back four times the amount I have cheated." How are you being transformed by the Lord's Generosity in your life?
5. On the Road to Financial Freedom that is paved with Good intentions;Tell us about your "big but?" (see excerpt from the message this week above for clarity) And some intentional small steps you are taking to overcome these?

Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

Jesus points out that she gave out of her poverty. She put in everything that she had to live on. Somehow, she knew that God would take care of her. She was ready and willing to trust God – we don't know what happened to this woman – but we do know that because of her faith –

Read Luke 12:34 and then answer the following questions:

6. What life lessons Stand out to you from the story of the widow's mite?
7. Respond to these thoughts: "God does not want or need your money, He wants your Heart which he knows is connected to your treasure." "Show me your bank account and your calendar and I'll show you where your treasure really is"
8. What steps can I take this week to trust God more in my life including My Finances? (Tithing/ Saving/ Generosity/ Spending/ Living within my means/ Delayed gratification/ Discipline/ Planning.....)

Additional Study

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus story)
- Luke 21:1-4 (Widow's mite story)
- Luke 12:13-21 (Parable of the Rich Fool)
- Luke 12:22-34 (Do not worry) In my opinion a Must Read!!!



NEXT STEPS

9. How are you going to apply the lessons learned in the message this week?
10. What can you do to encourage someone in your group to take their next step?

PRAYER

1. After sharing prayer requests, pray for the person on your right. Pray for that person throughout the week.
2. Is there someone in your group that you can grab coffee with and pray for this week?

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Establish a regular rhythm of serving **TOGETHER!** Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.