



## WEEK 1 - INITIAL GIVER

### SERIES BIG IDEA

Here is a place of financial stress and anxiety. There is a place of financial peace and freedom. If we hope to get from here to there, we will take the next step in our generosity journey.

### MESSAGE BIG IDEA

If we hope to get from here to there, we will take the first step and become an initial giver.

### SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:17-19, Proverbs 3:9-10

### ICEBREAKER

Use this time to get everyone comfortable. Talk about some funny and serious ways people would spend their money. Some of us might have already thought long and hard about their earnings, others of us might have never considered it.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

Make sure you give people time to think through the questions before you read the passages out loud. Letting them think about the question as you read can make people who are new to discussing the Bible or who aren't comfortable in group settings more comfortable and more likely to share their thoughts.

The goal of this section is to ease into discussing giving sacrificially as something each of us is called to do.

### LIFE APPLICATION

These questions are designed to help us think through the psychological impact our finances have on us. Often we think higher salaries translate into higher significance or that more money is more security. Our society is filled with messages that want to convince us that we shouldn't be content with what we have. They try to convince us that the bar is always higher than where we are. As Christians, we're called to a different type of security, not a security of things but a security of relationship.

Of course, this can be a touchy subject, so make sure to acknowledge that and be comfortable going first in certain instances. Be sensitive to your group. The more vulnerable you are as group leader, the more that signals to the rest of the group that this is a safe place to share and open up.

### CHALLENGE

This challenge is for people who are learning how to budget and what that means for their daily decisions. It's a useful skill that unfortunately most people weren't taught. Look up when the next Financial Peace University is being offered at your location – it could be a great next step!

Challenge your small group in the three steps mentioned in the message: Give first. Give first consistently. Give in a trackable way.

If you know of people in your group who group are already tithing or have gone above and beyond with the ONE initiative, but aren't contributing on a team at church, then contact some team leaders and see what their needs are.