

Finding Financial Freedom | Week 2 - Stress is Bad

Message Big Idea

We can break free from the stress of debt by following God's wisdom in our financial decisions.

Scripture

Proverbs 21:5, 22:7, 25:28

Points to Keep In Mind

1. People are in debt for many reasons. Some have much debt because they've been unemployed for a while. Others have medical bills that weren't covered by insurance. Still, others were hit hard by the pandemic. There can be a lot of shame around debt and the factors that have led people into it. Don't assume that anyone carrying a fair amount of debt has just been living above their means.
2. Since debt is a source of shame for people, be mindful of how this topic may make people feel. Watch people's body language and other nonverbal cues during your group time. Try to get the group to talk in generalities first before digging into more particulars. Be honest about your struggles with money. No one does this perfectly, and we can all do better.
3. Finding financial freedom is a discipleship issue. Money was one of the most frequently discussed subjects by Jesus. In the same way that we will never wander into discipleship with Jesus, we won't wander into financial freedom. Pastor Craig Groeschel put it well, "You can wander into debt, but you never wander out of debt. You can stumble into debt, but you never stumble out of debt. You can mistake your way into debt, but you never mistake your way out of debt."
4. Over a third of Americans feel uneasy talking about money, and some feel discussing it with children is taboo. Help your group unpack how their family's habits of using money and talking about money impact them today.

Additional Questions, and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. For resources related to this series, go to communitychristian.info