

Small Group Ministry Session Thirty-Three: Money

Preparation: Newsprint and Marker

OPENING WORDS

“For Aristotle, economics, management of the household, was a branch of ethics. Did each person in the household receive what is required for a fully human life? ...Ethical and economic theory must be in dialogue, if just and effective policies are to result. Otherwise, it may be said of us that we may know the price of everything and the value of nothing.”

--Adapted from Richard S. Gilbert, *How Much do We Deserve?* (Introduction),

The Flaming Chalice Press, 1990

CHECK IN

Current state of physical or spiritual health

Joys or concerns about loved ones

Concerns/excitement about what is happening in our lives

REVIEW COVENANT

REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE CIRCLE

ACTIVITY

On Newsprint, spend ten minutes brainstorming everything that the word “money” brings into association.

DISCUSSION

Money and our attitudes towards money shape our lives. Here is the fact of it: most of us find it easier to talk about sex than to talk about money. And most of us do not find it easy to talk about sex!

1. How did you learn what money means?
2. How has money shaped your life?
3. What limits of license does your attitude toward money allow you?
4. What would you change in your relationship to this shaper of the world?

CHECK OUT

What did you like about this meeting? What do you wish had been different?

CLOSING WORDS

“Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice of gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.”

Proverbs 8: 10-11