

**This is a discussion guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussion within their group. Home Group Leaders are encouraged to take these questions, re-arrange them, omit as required, add as required and change as required in order to best create a close Christian family that feels safe and secure to be open about their lives and their Christian walk. Please tailor as necessary based upon your leadership style and group dynamics.*

Additionally, if there are any questions, comments, critiques, inputs, etc... Please email Michael Griffin at airforce_griffin@yahoo.com.

ICE BREAKER

Dave Ramsey says there are two kinds of people, the saver and the spender. Which one are you?

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:21
Matthew 6:24
1 Timothy 6:9-10
1 Timothy 6:17-19
Mark 10:17-31
Acts 4:32-37, 5:1-11

QUESTIONS

- Does talking about money in a Christian setting make you uncomfortable? Why?
- Has church wounded you when it comes to money? How?
- How many of y'all have taken the course Financial Peace? What did you think about it?
- Pastor Vic said, "the Bible does mention money a lot...In fact there are more than 2300 verses on money, wealth and possessions." Why do you think the Bible places such a great emphasis on money, wealth and possessions?
- How does your family manage money? Do you teach your children about money?
- Do you find security in money? Why?
- How do finances create tension in marriage? How many married couples discussed financial matters prior to getting married? What does that look like?
- What does debt do to families?
- American culture stresses get it now, pay it later. Credit cards, financing, borrowing, debt, debt, debt. How does the Christian life stand in contrast to this kind of culture? Why is it so hard to live this way?
- Is it important to build your financial life with margin (i.e. the ability to absorb the unexpected expenses of life)? What kind of life does this create?
- Why does your checkbook reflect your spiritual life?

- Christ calls us to live a radical life in obedience to God. David Platt in his book, "Radical" talked about walking around the parking lot of his mega church and observing the opulence of the church and the vehicles parked outside. He pondered what the world would look like if American Christians spent a little less money on comfort and luxury and instead invested in the Kingdom. The world is filled with hurting and needy people; people whose lives would be radically changed if the wealthy made a decision to invest in their lives vs. their own lives. Why is this so hard to do for Americans? Is this a valid observation from David Platt?
- Imagine a community full of churches with state of the art sound systems, super comfy seats, parking lots full of platinum trimmed vehicles where all those who professed to follow Christ reduced their standard of living just a little. They then took that money to invest in the community, setting up food banks, setting up free clinics, providing resources for those struggling and in need. Is this really possible? What kind of impact would this community make in the world?