

For Further Study

Week of 01-13-12

1. Pastor Derek opened his sermon by listing several different words that describe people's attitudes toward money. What one or two words would you use to describe your relationship to it?
2. What were the big influences that shaped your attitudes toward money? (It could be a person or an event.)
3. Read Proverbs 10:4. Who do you look up to as an example of someone with a strong work ethic?
4. Pastor Derek pointed out that work existed before the Fall and was part of Adam and Eve's work in the garden. What does this suggest about what our attitude should be like toward work?
5. Read Colossians 3:23. How has this verse help us maintain our intensity in our work even in workplaces that are less than ideal?
6. Read Proverbs 22:7. Where have you seen examples of people enslaved by their debt? How this proverb proven true on a national scale in America?
7. What's the relationship between debt and character? Does debt always point to a character flaw? Why or why not?
8. Have a volunteer read Proverbs 21:20. How easy is it for you to live below your means? What are legitimate reasons to struggle with this? What are foolish reasons?
9. Have a volunteer read Proverbs 23:4-5. How does our culture make it difficult for us to be content without current level of wealth?
10. Have a volunteer read Luke 14:28-30. Jesus used the analogy of budgeting to describe the commitment to being a disciple, but let's talk about the commitment to budgeting for a second. Is it easy or hard for you to keep a budget? Why?
11. Have volunteer read Proverbs 3:9. If you had to list the top five objections have to tithing, what would they be? How would you respond to those objections?
12. Read Proverbs 10:5. How easy or hard is saving for you? Why?

Small Group Leaders:

- Please be mindful that this is a sensitive subject for many. Some of your group has done good work and is proud of that. Other's feel shame over money mistakes.
- Be sure to mention that Grace Church has budget coaching and Financial Peace University to help people turn the corner with their finances.