



CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #1 – The Solution to Your Financial Fears



GETTING STARTED

- Share about a time when you got “stuck” (physically, emotionally, or situationally). How did you get out of it? What did you learn? (Has anyone ever gotten stuck in an airplane bathroom like Hans did?)

THIS WEEK’S THEME

Which of the three “financial fears” that Hans named (Will I ever have enough? Will it be enough when I retire? How much is enough?) do you think is most prevalent in society today? If you’re comfortable sharing, which one resonates most with you and why?

What fears or habits make it difficult for us to trust God first with our finances?

Read Matthew 5:13-16

In what ways have you seen Jesus followers being “salt” or “light” in the world – being different because they’ve encountered Jesus? In what ways do generosity and financial trust in God make Christians different from the world?

Why do you think Scripture speaks about money and possessions so often? What does that reveal about the human heart?

Can you think of a biblical example where someone trusted God with their resources and experienced peace or even joy?

Hans shared the paradox: when we give first, we actually experience more peace, not less. Have you seen this in your own life or in others?

Imagine if everyone reversed the order and gave first – what kind of impact would that have on our community?

TAKING IT HOME

If you already give regularly, prayerfully consider increasing generosity in a small way. If you don’t give consistently, try setting aside a “first portion” (no matter the size) before you spend. Journal or share with a friend how practicing generosity affects your sense of peace and freedom.

PRAY

Lord, thank you that through you, we don’t have to live trapped by fear, worry, or anxiety over money. Teach us to trust you first, to seek your kingdom first, and to live generously. May our giving bring freedom in our hearts and light to the world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.