

CHAPTER 10 - MONEY & POWER

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- If you were given \$1 million that you had to spend in 24 hours, what would you do with it?

INTRODUCTION

Much of our time is spent thinking about money—acquiring money, spending money, or accounting for our money. In most societies, the more money one has, the more power one has. However, in the Kingdom of God, money and power are to be thought of differently and used differently. This week we'll explore these ideas.

DISCUSSION

- What is something new you learned in the Scriptures this week? Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
- Pick 2-3 "Study" questions from the chapter to discuss. Here are a few possible places to start:
 - Exercise 1, Study Question 1
 - Exercise 2, Study Question 1
 - Exercise 5, Study Question 2

APPLICATION

- What challenged you in the chapter this week? Is there anything you want to change in your life as a result?
- Pick 1-2 "Reflect" and "Respond" exercises to discuss. For example:
 - Exercise 1, Respond
 - Exercise 4, Respond

PRAYER

Ask God to give you his heart and mind toward wealth and material blessings. Ask your group if there are material needs that they currently have that you can pray together for God to meet. (And consider that maybe he wants to meet those needs through your group!)

Money can be a tricky topic, especially to discuss with our friends! If you sense there is tension around this topic, some strategies you can employ as a group leader could include: begin the discussion with prayer, lead with your own vulnerability/struggles, and invite group members to be honest about where they might struggle with this topic or feel hesitant to have this discussion. Above all, saturate this conversation in love and grace, prioritizing relationship with God and one another over getting through the guide or everyone having all the right answers.