



Group Guide:
Week 1

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study Deuteronomy 8:1-20 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- How did your family talk about money growing up?
- When it comes to money are you a spender or a saver?
- Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently in the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week?

INTRODUCTION

This week we kickoff our new series Moneyology. The topic of money can create in us all sorts of emotions and each of us have different thoughts about the purpose of money. Just like any thing we can come to the Bible with open hands and minds and ask the Lord to show us how to faithfully spend, save and give our money.

Today, we want God to give us a biblically-informed vision and worldview concerning money, wealth, poverty, and his character..

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

- Read verses 1-5. According to these verses, how does God leverage poverty, lack, and need for our good and his glory?
- Read verses 6-10. What can we conclude about the extent of God's provision from these verses?
- What might we conclude from these verses as to the nature of God's provision? For example, does the Lord seem more concerned with meeting needs or blessing in abundance? Does God bless us individually, or communally?
- Read verses 11-16. How can God's provision lead our hearts into forgetfulness? Why does this seem to happen to us so easily? How do we combat this forgetfulness?
- Read verses 17-20. Forgetting God's provision and care for us has the power to lead us into even worse states—vanity, pride, and even idolatry. How do these verses say that this can occur?
- What does this admonition seem to tell us about the seriousness of this matter to God?

APPLICATION *WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?*

DISCUSS:

- How is Jesus God's ultimate provision for our need? How does God's provision in Jesus both humble us and move us toward obedience, just as told us in Deuteronomy 8?
- Jesus fulfills our greatest need—separation from God by sin. Jesus also blesses us with abundant life in our spiritual poverty. How do we incorporate this into everyday life?
- If the greatest treasure that God has given humanity is himself through Jesus, and then has freed us from condemnation, forgiven us, given to us eternal life and the Holy Spirit—why do we so often distrust his provision in our lives?

PRAYER

Spend time praising Jesus for being our ultimate provision.

Spend time asking God to give you the strength to trust him more everyday.