

Life Group Session 1 Discussion 6
Spiritual Habits: Stewardship
Cross Culture Church

Goal: The goal of the discussion is to discuss how to become a better steward.

Connect:

1. Remind everyone to connect with one another throughout the week.
2. Ask everyone what preferred communication they have. Are they a texter? Caller? Emailer? Messenger? Ask them why and have fun with it.

Discussion Time:

Start today's discussion on how the previous few weeks of study have gone. **What did you study?**

How did it change the way you think about yourself or others?

Did you receive any sight from your time of study? Remember this is just the beginning for many of us. The more we meditate on God's word the more truth we have in our minds and in our toolbelt for the future. Plus, we are experiencing the living God and the fruits of the Spirit will follow many times.

Poor Spiritual Habits in Financial Stewardship Keeps Us From Doing Great Things For God.

What could you do if you were completely debt-free? Dream BIG! How would your attitude, your behaviors, and your relationships with God and others look different?

Larry Burkett, the author of Debt-Free Living, states that the debt-ridden state of our world is a symptom of a society no longer willing to follow God's direction.

Take a minute and each person volunteers to read the following scriptures.

Read Luke 14:28-30, Proverbs 21:20b, Proverbs 21:5, Proverbs 27:23-24, and Proverbs 3:9-10.

What specific direction have we received from God based on these readings?

Which of these areas, for which God provides us clear direction, is most challenging? Why?

How likely are you to consider making the commitment to God and yourself to get out of debt?

What are some small steps you might consider taking to and who could you ask to hold you accountable to that commitment?

The Bible teaches emphatically that each of us should tithe the first 10% of our income back to God. Our first fruits belong to God. Barry Cameron, the author of ABC's of Financial Freedom, even goes on to say, "If we're not doing that, we'll never get out of debt."

What are God's promises to us when we put Him first? Read Matthew 6:33

Take a minute and give 30-second answers or more to the following questions. Where would you consider starting? What are the first things that come to your mind when you think about cutting expenses? What are the things that come to mind that you have, but could sell in order to eliminate debt?

Action Items for next time:

- **Work with someone to or start implementing a plan. We recommend 10/10/80. Tithe to God, Pay yourself, and have a plan to be debt-free and live on 80%. We recommend the book ABCS of financial freedom Barry Cameron or Blessed Life Robert Morris.**
- **Watch the Broke is Normal Be Weird Series**
- **www.crosscuturedenver.org/teachings/2020/1/5/broke-is-normal**
- **Reach out to one another for check-ins and prayer.**

Pray the following and invite the Holy Spirit into your stewardship plan.

God, You erased the debt of my sin. Help me to trust you to erase my financial debt. I know that I can only do it with your help, so I acknowledge my need for You, for your guidance, your wisdom, and your direction in this area of my life. Help me, Lord, to embrace and follow the wisdom you have given me. I will need strength and self-control. I thank you in advance for the freedom that I will experience. I want to give you my first and best, God! I want to be wise in saving so that "emergencies" don't send me further into debt. I proclaim my trust in you to meet all my needs. Amen.