



Preparation

WEEK EIGHT OBJECTIVE:

Gain insight into God's provision, manage his resources and live a God-honoring lifestyle with the things he's given us.



Read

Read pages 68-71.



Communicate

Encourage your group mid-week, remind those who signed up about sharing their 2-5 minute story, and remind those who signed up for snacks. Remind the group that we will start out in the Adult Ministry Center.



Pray

- Pray that everyone will be open-minded to the truth that all we have belongs to God and that He has entrusted it to us.
- Pray that each group member will be honest in their assessment of how they manage their money. Wherever each member is at in their walk and trust in tithing, that they will lean more into God as The Provider.
- Pray that anyone needing help with their finances/budgeting will take the next step to find help to become godly money managers.



When You Gather

01 Memorize

Review the Memory Verse-Romans 8:1-2, Ephesians 6:17-18, Philippians 4:6-7. Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 25:40 and Matthew 6:19-21.

02 Theme

Gain insight on the priority God places on money and the place we put it in our lives. Money is both necessary to our lives but also a possible stumbling block in worshipping the Provider.

13 Introduction Questions

What was the most valuable thing you had as a kid? Are you a saver or a spender?

04 Story

Have whoever was scheduled share their 2-5 minute story.



Gathering Continued

06 Discuss

Look at the Bible verses above and on the previous page. Circle those that challenge or encourage you.

How do these verses align with your current view of money?

In your mind, what is the difference between an owner and a manager?

Where have you been acting like an owner? Where have you been acting like a manager?

What has been your experience with budgets? What is your experience with giving?

How are you "blessed to be a blessing?"

What gets in the way of you being a regular, faithful giver?

What debt do you have?
What is it doing to the condition of your heart?

Why is it important to reduce/eliminate debt completely?

What step are you going to take to begin getting out of debt?

When it comes to providing for your needs, where are all the places you trust God (job, health, bank accounts, etc.)? What are the results?

What would it look like for you to courageously trust Him with your finances?



Gathering Continued

07 Wrap Up

Confirm date and time of Rooted Celebration and encourage your group to tell their faith story to someone in the community during Week 9 readings. Encourage them to trust where God leads them, and to remember the results of the conversation and the condition of the receiver's heart is God's responsibility. Our responsibility is to trust and go where God leads us.

08 Pray

Ask for prayer requests and close your time with prayer for God to bless your group.

