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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

Summer Wise – Summer Not Week 6 – Managing My Money

ICE-BREAKER:

What is your greatest regret regarding either an impulse buy, or “easy” credit??

DISCUSS:

Were you taught to budget, save money, and spend responsibly? If so, who taught you and how old were you? Is there anyone you have taught or are teaching now?

READ: *“Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.” – Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)*

Have you ever gotten caught up in a get-rich-quick scheme? How did it turn out? Why do people get caught up in get-rich-quick schemes?

READ: *“Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.” - Proverbs 13:11 (NLT)*

“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.” - Proverbs 21:20a (TLB)

Why do so many people spend whatever they get? What do you think is the biggest obstacle to learning to save for the future?

“If Jesus is #1 in your LIFE, He will be #1 in your FINANCES.” Do you agree or disagree with his statement? What is the rationale behind your answer?

APPLY:

In what ways does your lifestyle reflect the fact that money and things are a transitory (temporary and secondary) part of your life?

What steps do you need to take to be generous, rather than stingy, with your possessions?