



The Hustle

Are You Getting Hustled?

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Week 1

1 of 5

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Bottom Line: God is the owner.

Icebreaker: If you had \$50,000 you had to give away, who/what would receive it? Why? If you had \$50,000 you had to spend on yourself, what would you do with it?

Key Verse: *The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.* Proverbs 22:7

We have all been hustled at one time or another in the area of our finances. If we don't get knowledge and understanding, we will continue to get hustled. We are either hustling to get rich, or we are being hustled by others who want to get rich. The rich always have the upper hand over the poor. At the end of the day, even if you owe on purpose and you wanted to owe, you still are a slave to the lender. You have someone else telling you what to do, and it hampers your life and attitude. That's not what God wants for us.

Living on credit shows a lack of contentment in your life. It presumes on the future. It causes tension in you and with others. God takes it seriously. When you are not content and spending too much, you generally are saving nothing and not tithing. God takes that seriously too. God tells us in Proverbs 27 to know the condition of our finances, and begin to manage them as if He owned it all. Truly, He does. He wants us to know where our money is coming from and where it is going. He is interested in us making the decisions proactively that will honor Him and provide for us.

Ignorance is NOT bliss. In order to invest your life and resources in productive, satisfying ways, you must learn what God has to say and how He can lead you to financial peace. That is possible for you. No matter how impossible your situation seems today, God can help you get in a positive and exciting direction. If you will follow God's financial plan, you can do it! The next weeks will show you how.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

How would you describe financial peace?

"The way we handle our money tells the truth about it." Agree or disagree? What kinds of things does it tell?

"We live in a world where we adjust truth to our lives instead of adjusting our lives to the truth." Where do you see evidence of this?

"You can have anything if you are willing to make payments—become a slave." What do you think about that?

"Have you ever met a generous slave? It is hard to be generous when you aren't in control of your life." Reflect and discuss.

"You can wander into debt, but you can't wander out." Discuss. Any experience in that?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

What evidence do you see in our world that Proverbs 22:7 is true? How do the rich rule over the poor?

How do you know if you are spending too much money? You rely on credit to maintain your lifestyle. You are making late payments. You find yourself constantly under financial tension. You are making the minimum payment every month. What else signals to you that your money is out of control?

"It's easy to buy things you don't need with money you don't have. If you use a credit card, you'll spend 23% more money than if you used cash." Reflect and discuss.

"If I am not tithing, I am robbing God." Malachi 3:8 What do you think about that? Does that seem harsh to you?

The Bible says to run from get-rich schemes. Why?

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Attend Financial Peace University.
- 2) Begin to give.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

Bottom Line: God is the owner.

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Monday: Deuteronomy 30:19

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 5:8

Wednesday: Proverbs 21:20

Thursday: Psalm 24:1

Friday: Matthew 6:33

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)