

# **Week 4**

## ***Small Group Discussion Questions***

### **Money Wise – The Book of Proverbs**

#### **Getting to Know You:**

*These questions are designed to help you get to know other people and share a little bit about your life.*

1. Have you ever given away something to someone else that was difficult for you to part with? If so, what was the experience like for you and for the other person?
2. What is one of the best meals someone prepared for you or bought for you?
3. Have you ever been the recipient of a generous act from a total stranger? On the flipside, have you ever been generous to a total stranger? What was the experience like for you?

#### **Digging Deeper:**

*These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the sermon topic, relevant scriptures and provide deeper opportunities for reflection.*

1. We have been talking about being wise with our money for four weeks. How have your thoughts about how you handle your finances changed? In what ways has your prayer life changed around the topic of generosity?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10 and Ecclesiastes 6:7  
What are some signs that money is controlling us rather than us controlling it? How can we shift our mindsets from consuming to stewarding?

3. Read Luke 12:15, Exodus 20:17 and Proverbs 15:27  
What is the connection between greed and coveting? In what ways have you seen these play out in your own life? How can we fight against both greed and coveting?
  
4. Read Acts 20:35  
Generosity leads to greater happiness. Why can this be difficult to practice even when we know it brings joy? Can you share a time when you have personally experienced the blessing of giving? How can you develop a more consistent rhythm of generosity?
  
5. Read Proverbs 11:24-25  
Most Christians say they want to be more generous and bless others. However, many people need to adjust their finances to do so. Out of the four categories below, what adjustments would you need to make? Put the following categories in order of what needs to be adjusted most and what needs very little adjusting.
  - Saving more
  - Getting out of debt
  - Giving extravagantly
  - Spending more carefully.

Share with the group your reasoning for placing them in this specific order.

**Application Questions:**

*The goal is life transformation, not simple discussion. This is how we live out this week's teaching.*

As a result of this series, how has your approach to money shifted? What has the Holy Spirit been teaching you and leading you towards? What decisions have you made to be more Money Wise?

At the end of this weekend's service, Cornwall Church passed out envelopes with \$10 inside. The task is for everyone to be generous with the money they received. As a small group, is there something or someone we could bless with this money? Would we consider adding our own money to the \$10 envelopes and give even more?

**Prayer Requests:**

*Take time to share prayer requests and to pray for one another.*