



Small Group Member Goal Ideas

Instructions: Use one of these suggestions if you're having trouble determining a 3-month goal for being transformed financially.

- Register and attend Financial Peace University which begins tomorrow (10/23) @ 7:00pm. Register at www.myriversidechurch.com/fpu.
- Make a budget. There are lots of free tools online and apps that can help you track how you spend your money.
- Talk with spouse about finances once a month. Pick a time when you are both awake, relaxed, uninterrupted and ready to work together to set goals, make plans for the upcoming month, and trust God together to grow in this area.
- Bring a sack lunch to work two-three times a week and see what you are able to save over the next three months.
- Spend less than you earn this month. This may sound very basic, but it is the first step to avoid or reduce debt.
- Start giving to Riverside Church. If you've never given before, try giving an intentional amount over the next three months.
- Start tithing (10% of your income) over the next three months. If you already tithe 10%, consider increasing what you give by 1% over the next three months.
- Begin to be satisfied with what you have. Spend some time taking "inventory" and seeing all that God has provided for you. Take time to thank Him and intentionally don't buy anything unnecessary over the next three months.
- Sell/give away something you don't need/use - at least one item per month for the next three months. Use the money to bless others or reduce debt.
- Formulate a debt reduction plan by using a tool like Dave Ramsey's Debt Snowball method. For details go to <http://myrc.link/debtsnowball>.
- Balance work w/family time (are you working to keep up with the Jones'?)
- Find ways to identify God's provision & your stewardship over the next three months by journaling or writing thank you notes to Him as He provides your paycheck, gifts to your family, etc.
- "Pay it forward" in drive through or at a restaurant once a month, week, etc. for the next three months by anonymously paying for someone's order.
- Teach your kids about tithing, saving and spending. Start one month by helping them tithe, the next month add saving and the next allow them to spend.
- Play a game of *Life* or *Act Your Wage* as a family once a month for the next three months to help your family understand more about our resources.

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Message Notes & Small Group Discussion

Transformed Financially
October 22, 2017



“Transformed Financially”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

Money can be _____ - if you've got some!

- _____% live paycheck to paycheck.
- 71% in debt (_____ % say debt is unmanageable).
- _____% of people making over \$100,000.00 are in red.
- _____% have less than \$1,000.00 in savings.
- About _____% have no retirement savings.

_____ may be the most common emotion we have about money.

Note Romans 12:2 and 10:17

Money isn't really the issue...a lack of _____ and our poor choices are the problems.

So what does God want us to hear when “_____ talks”?

1. Finances are a Deeply _____ Issue

There's an i_____ connection between faith and finances
(note Luke 12:34).

For Jesus...teaching about money was an essential preparation for a _____ life.

Where you spend your money is where you spend your _____.

Money is the #1 identifiable cause of _____.

2. Understand Your True Financial _____

Note Proverbs 27:23-27

“Be _____”...give c_____ attention”.

Christ-followers need to give careful attention to their finances because it means they're giving careful attention to their _____.

3. Tell Your Money _____

Note Proverbs 21:5, 20; Luke 16:10

Budgeting helps us to “a_____ our w_____”.

We can be transformed by God:

- Resources available to help you: Financial Peace University (FPU); books on this subject available here.
- If you're in a crisis and still _____, know that Jesus Christ is the Solid Rock.
- Money is always _____.
- God's _____ will help you hear the right things about money as you open your heart and mind to it.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the connect card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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Money can be fun – if you’ve got some!

- 78% live paycheck to paycheck.
- 71% in debt (56% say debt is unmanageable).
- 59% of people making over \$100,000.00 are in red.
- 57% have less than \$1,000.00 in savings.
- About 50% have no retirement savings.

Fear may be the most common emotion we have about money.
Note Romans 12:2 and 10:17

Money isn’t really the issue...a lack of hope and our poor choices are the problems.
So what does God want us to hear when “money talks”?

1. Finances are a Deeply Spiritual Issue

There’s an inescapable connection between faith and finances (note Luke 12:34).
For Jesus...teaching about money was an essential preparation for a godly life.

Where you spend your money is where you spend your heart.
Money is the #1 identifiable cause of divorce.

2. Understand Your True Financial Condition

Note Proverbs 27:23-27

“Be sure”...give careful attention”.

Christ-followers need to give careful attention to their finances because it means they’re giving careful attention to their faith.

3. Tell Your Money What to Do

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Budgeting helps us to “act our wage”.

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