

Week 4 Discussion Guide

Reviewing the Message

Sunday's message talked about the contrast Solomon draws in Proverbs 22:7–9 between the bondage of debt and the blessing of generosity. These questions will help us recall the key points and truths from the message.

- 1. What does Proverbs 22:7 mean when it says, "the borrower is servant to the lender," and how did the message explain this idea?
- 2. According to the message, how does debt create real-world vulnerability and limit our freedom?
- 3. What main contrast did the message point out between verse 7 and verse 9?
- 4. What was the main idea of the message?
- 5. What were the four steps laid out in the message for moving toward financial freedom?

Connecting to the Message

Sunday's message talked about how financial pressures affect not only our bank accounts but also our peace, purpose, and spiritual growth. Let's explore how this intersects with our personal stories and daily lives.

- 6. Which part of the message most resonated with your current financial season, and why?
- 7. In what ways have you personally experienced the tension between wanting to be generous but feeling financially strapped?
- 8. The message said sometimes we ask God for a miracle while he's asking us for maturity. Have you ever felt this dynamic in your life? In what way?
- 9. Has financial stress or debt ever affected your emotional or spiritual well-being before?
- 10. What did you hear in the message that reshaped your understanding of budgeting?

Applying the Message

Sunday's message talked about taking practical steps toward financial freedom so that generosity can become sustainable. These questions are here to help us identify specific actions and commitments prompted by the message.

- 11. What is one mindset shift about money or debt that you feel God is asking you to embrace this week?
- 12. What first step could you take toward "making the decision" to pursue financial freedom?
- 13. What might getting "on a plan" look like for you whether that means creating a budget, asking for help, or using a new tool?
- 14. Which "smallest debt" could you imagine starting with if you were to begin cutting financial chains one link at a time?
- 15. How do you sense God calling you to grow in generosity not just in giving, but in living with an open heart and open hands?