



Week 2: January 20-26

Introduce Guests/Share Life: *How has this week been going? Good? Bad? Ugly? Things to celebrate?*

Open in Prayer: *Include any prayer needs that came up while you were sharing life together.*

Recall the Guidelines: *Ask: "What is the purpose of the guidelines?" Answer: To be relational!*

Share the Vision: *This small group is a discipleship group. Our primary goal is to equip you to be a disciple who makes disciples of Jesus. Everything we do in this group is reproducible so you can do it with others.*

Ask someone to tell last week's story (Exodus 36:1-7 – generosity at the tabernacle).

Hook Question: Can you share about a time when you skipped out on your responsibilities and it cost you?

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

Today's story is found in the Old Testament portion of the Bible in an ancient book of wisdom literature called *Proverbs*. The book is filled with short, proverbial sayings intended to guide the steps of the reader toward wise choices. A large portion of this biblical book deals with money. God has a lot to say in His Word about money and how we manage it. Today's story from Proverbs is one such example.

Proverbs often uses imagery and word play to sink deeper into the principle at play and communicate its wisdom concept more effectively. As our storyteller shares the story with us, we need to keep in mind the main idea. Don't get too lost in the details of this proverb; instead, focus on the big points. What is the main idea of this proverb? What example is used to help communicate this concept?

The proverb you are about to hear is about money. Specifically, it is about debt, getting out of debt, and a will to work for what you need and be a good manager of what you earn. Listen carefully to this story so you can rebuild it. Then, when you read the story together from God's Word, make sure you pay attention to the flow of the story. Ask questions if you don't understand an illustration in the story and work together to try to figure it out. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Proverbs 6:1-11: *Use different storytellers. Teach your group to share God's Word.*

Rebuild the story: *Group members retell the story based on what they remember.*

Read the story from Proverbs 6:1-11: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.

- Do you understand all the analogies and illustrations in this story? Which are not really clear to you?
- Why do you think God cares about how we manage our money?
- What does this story teach us about people?
- What does this story teach us about God?

Heart & Hand
Questions:
Slow down &
wait!

- What do you think God is trying to show you right now? How do you need to change?
- Who could retell the story for us right here one last time?

Invite your group to join us for Financial Peace University. They should contact Brandon Werner to register for this 9-week course. FPU begins on January 30th at 6pm. Details online at www.westernhillschurch.com/rightnow.

Thank your storyteller for sharing the Word. Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.



Week 2: Learning to be a Good Manager of Money

Financial Peace University

Please take advantage of this week to invite your group to join us for Financial Peace University. The interest meeting is on Wednesday, January 16th at 6pm WHC. The course starts on January 30th at 6pm on our campus. Childcare is available. More online at www.westernhillchurch.com/rightnow.

God used this course to change my financial future forever. This course introduced me to biblical principles on finances. As a result, I have a budget that I track daily and monthly, we have an emergency fund, we are debt free, we are investing in retirement, and – most importantly – we give faithfully to our local church and are generous with others. This wasn't by accident. We didn't know anything about money. We needed to learn – as we all do.

This would be a great week for you to be transparent about your own finances with your group. Are you being obedient? Are you a good steward? Where does God want you to grow? Do you give faithfully? Do you need to make plans to attend this course?

Attending the interest meeting is the best way to make sure you get registered and have your book on time. If you miss the interest meeting, please call me ASAP to register. You will need to submit payment before we order your book.

If you have any questions, reply to my email or call the church office to reach me.

-Brandon