

Water of Life Community Church
LIVING BEYOND BLESSED
WEEK 4
EXODUS 20:3-17

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The 10 commandments for finances come from the original 10 commandments! Putting God first is essential for spiritual life and for financial stewardship. Making our finances first becomes idolatry and living in debt makes us slaves to others. How we walk financially is just as much a testimony as how we walk spiritually. Pastor says, "Let's have a bit of fun this week taking the 10 commandments and tying them to how we view money!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ EXODUS 20:3.

- a. God is declaring his place, first. Why is it important to place Him first? How can we do that with our finances?
- b. Read Matthew 6:24; What does Jesus say here about money? Can a Christian be wealthy? What does it mean to serve wealth?

2. READ EXODUS 20:4-7.

- a. We are not to worship material things. Anything we place before God is an idol to us. What idols have you dealt with in the past?
- b. Most of us think that taking the Lord's name in vain means profanity. It actually means using the name in a worthless way. What have you asked God for that you know He does not want you to have?

3. READ EXODUS 20:8-11.

- a. This section of Exodus is about stewardship of our lives and our time. Do you observe the Sabbath?

b. One day of rest per week; kind of like tithing. Do you believe God can provide for you with 90% of your income?

4. READ EXODUS 20:12.

a. How did you learn about finances? Do you teach your children about finances? What mistakes have you made with money that you can teach your children not to do?

b. Luke 16:13 explains that we cannot serve both God and money. Do your children know this?

5. READ EXODUS 20:13-14.

a. How can we murder our financial future? Do you live on a budget?

b. How is living beyond our means like adultery? Do you want something you should not have?

6. READ EXODUS 20:15-17.

a. Don't buy now and pay later; you are stealing from your future. How has using credit put you into slavery?

b. Being a good witness means people are watching you. Do you live financially in a way that gives glory to God? Are you in debt to others?

c. Are you content? How do you know? Can you rest with what you have? What does 1 Timothy 6:6-8 say about contentment?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Are you at rest with your possessions and your income? Ask God to help you remain content with what you have.
- Ask God to help you teach what you have learned about finances to your children or to someone who has asked for your help.
- Take some time to reflect on how God sees our finances. Are we living in a way that is a testimony to Him?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Do your finances reflect your testimony as a believer?

RESPOND

- What is one thing that you can change this week to honor God with your finances?

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MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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