

Small Group Interaction Questions:

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Deuteronomy 8:7-19

Dear Friends,

I am pausing in the “Meanwhile” series to highlight God’s call to healthy, financial freedom. The subject is virtually THE worldwide, 24/7 conversation. It is far from irrelevant for the devoted follower of Jesus Christ. After all, the world is watching, our children and learning, and God is going to hold us accountable for how we actually live. Does being a disciple of Jesus really change lives? Does it make a practical difference, not only in our generosity, but in our worry, fear, and common sense? The scripture is loaded with wisdom and guidance on this subject. We will look at just one passage, but the parables deal with the subject of money, or examples using money, more than any other subject. I hope your interaction with the text, and with each other, will encourage you to live Upside Down to the world, and Right Side Up with God.

Pastor Roger

- ① Read Deuteronomy 8:7-19. In light of this scripture, evaluate this statement: “It’s not what God wants FROM you, it’s what God wants FOR you.”
- ② Verses 7-10 establish that God is the originator and owner of everything.

Has there been an instance, positive or negative, when it became clear to you that you are not the owner, or possessor, of something you once thought you controlled?

- ③ If you are married, what is the degree of tension you have experienced surrounding finances and financial decisions?

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What assumptions did you bring into marriage about spending, saving and giving money that are different than your spouse’s?

What is it about money that makes it such a big stressor in relationships?

- ④ What one practical lifestyle pattern has helped you grow in generosity?
- ⑤ Worship God through prayer. Transfer ownership back to Him. Praise Him for his provision. Ask Him for help as pressure mounts. Trust Him to provide when you see no way.