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Small Group Questions Continued

important in stabilizing your personal finances? What happens when other expenses are prioritized above the 4 Walls?

Looking at the expenses in your 4 Walls, where could you spend less to create more margin?

4. We are called to partner with God to make a difference. Our financial goal is not to get rich, but to be a blessing to others. What kind of partner do you desire to be? What specific steps will you take in order to reboot your financial health?

Before attending your group meeting, print the quick-start budget form from the link below. Complete the form and bring to your group meeting for your private and personal review.

http://www.daveramsey.com/budgeting/how-to-budget/

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are_____.

I'm accountable for_____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is______.

This coming week, I'm praying for:

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Message Notes Danny Anderson

> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

We have gotten <u>sloppy</u> with the money God has given us.

When your finances are out of order, God cannot use you to be a blessing to other people.

The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, **I'll pay** you the next time I'm here.' *Luke* 10:35

How do we reboot our finances?

1. You must do a <u>heart</u> check.

Money is the #1 <u>competitor</u> for your heart.

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You **cannot** serve both God and money." *Matthew 6:24*

Keep your life free from love of money, and **be content** with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." *Hebrews* 13:5

Being **content** is the fastest way to reboot your financial life.

2. You must get back on or start a **plan**.

Good planning and hard work lead to **prosperity**, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. *Proverbs* 21:5

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the **first fruits** of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with **plenty**, and your vats will be **bursting** with wine. *Proverbs* 3:9-10

The generous person will **prosper**, those who refresh others will themselves be **refreshed**. *Proverbs* 11:25



2. Build your four walls .

Dave Ramsey Budget Sheet http://www.daveramsey.com/budgeting/how-to-budget/



3. Pay off your debt

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the **slave** of the lender. *Proverbs* 22:17

4. <u>Save</u> and <u>Invest</u>.

The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get. *Proverbs* 21:20

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Matthew 8:1-22	MONDAY Matthew 8:23-9:8	TUESDAY Matthew 9:9-34
this week	january 10	january 11	january 12
WEDNESDAY Matthew 9:35-10:15	THURSDAY Matthew 10:16-33	FRIDAY Matthew 10:34-11:15	SATURDAY Matthew 11:16-30
january 13	january 14	january 15	january 16
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Matthew 6:24			

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For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

Discussion Questions

1. Danny said, "You and I live from the inside out. Every decision and choice we make comes from who we are on the inside. Money simply reveals who we are." Imagine someone is making an assessment about you based solely on your current financial condition, and your decisions and choices with money. In the space below, write down at least 3 short (1 or 2 word) descriptions you think you may see in that assessment, and then share them with the group.

Do you feel this is an accurate description of your heart? Why or why not?

2. Historian, John J Beckley said, "Most people don't plan to fail, they fail to plan." Read Proverbs 21:5. How have you seen this biblical financial principle play out in your life, or in the lives of people you know?

3. 3. A godly financial plan prioritizes giving, budgeting, paying off debt, and saving/investing. Which of these do you feel you do well? Which of these could you work to improve? Proverbs 21:20 says, "The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get." Which one of these best describes your current financial plan?

Danny talked about building your 4 Walls by prioritizing food, shelter (utilities), transportation, and basic clothing. Why are these things so