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Ice Breaker

Use one of the following questions to open up discussion (if you have first-time guests, be sure to have people tell their names as they answer the ice-breaker question.)

- 1 Did your parents talk much about money in your house or was it a 'hidden' or 'secret' topic?
- 2 What were your views on money and credit cards growing up? How did you see them used or misused?
- 3 Spring is right around the corner. What is your favorite season of the year? Why?

Life Church's Mission

To honor God and advance His Kingdom by building disciples who will give their lives to change the world.

Upcoming Events

Rock & Worship Roadshow: The Rock & Worship Roadshow will be held at Conseco on **Thursday, March 18**. This is going to be an amazing evening of music and worship to benefit children with juvenile diabetes via "Imagine A Cure" as well as Compassion International. The cast for this evening will include **Mercy Me, David Crowder Band, Family Force 5, Francesca Battistelli, Fee, Remedy Drive, and Sidewalk Prophets** and all for a general admission ticket of \$10.

Easter is April 4th this year. Besides Christmas, people are most open to attending church this day of the year. Encourage your group to start thinking about who they might invite to Life Church on Easter this year. Write them down and start praying for these people in your group each week.

Financial Peace University: Life Church will be hosting FPU starting Wednesday, April 7th. The cost for this 13 week class is \$97 which includes all the materials and a membership kit. Contact Chris Elliot (cdelliott@conneragency.com) who will be the FPU Coordinator or visit www.DaveRamsey.com for more details or if you'd like to register.

Life. Money. Hope. DVDs

These DVDs will help facilitate discussion the next three weeks in your group. Don't feel like you *have* to use the DVDs, they are being offered as a tool. On the back side of the LifeLines for the next three weeks will be the same questions that are at the end of the DVD.

We recommend that you open your group with an Ice Breaker like normal before turning on the DVD. Each DVD is about 8-10 minutes long and will allow plenty of time for you to discuss the questions at the end.

Finances can be a private or embarrassing topic for some people who have mismanaged their money or were raised this way. Encourage your people to explore what the Bible has to say about how we handle money, how this compares to their views and the influence money has on their life. Don't force people to share specific details about their financial situation.



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Study/prayer time: *Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to God's leading. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.*

"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender." - Proverbs 22:7 (NRSV)

1. Discuss a time when debt made you feel like a slave.
2. What thoughts and images does the word "budget" bring to mind?
3. What do you find most challenging about staying on a budget?
4. Why is a budget the most effective tool for getting out of debt?
5. What would total financial freedom in your life look like?
6. *"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it?" - Luke 14:20 (NKJV)*

What will you need to do to build your "tower" of financial freedom?

Prayer Time: Have your group pray in the way you feel is best this week. Be sure to start praying for people by name that your group members will invite to Easter at Life Church (see Upcoming Events on front.)