



The Benjamins – Week 2

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#) and then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (10-15 minutes)

Ice-Breaker suggestion: If the money in your pocket had an expression, what kind of face would it make? Share that expression with the group and why you chose it. If your money could talk, what would it say? Share that insight with the group as well.

CHECK-IN (15-20 minutes)

Last week, our action step was to begin building a healthy relationship with money. How did you use your resources to demonstrate love for people?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

Last week we started a new series called The Benjamins. Money and life are intertwined, and it is practically impossible to separate yourself from the need for money. The Bible is full of wisdom and caution regarding this topic. There are over 2,300 verses in the Bible that are about money and possessions. Although sometimes uncomfortable, we must explore what God says about money so that we have the opportunity to relate to it healthily.

1. To have a healthy relationship with money, we have to understand how God designed it to be used. Money gives you options to solve practical problems in your own life. How does money solve practical problems in your life? Is it difficult for you to take care of practical problems through your finances? Why or why not?
2. Money also gives you the option to help others with their needs. Paul writes, "Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others." 1 Timothy 6:18 NLT

What does Paul mean when he says, "They should be rich in good works?" Does this apply to our finances as well? How does helping others through generosity show them the love of Christ?

3. In the story of the Good Samaritan, a man is left on the side of the road, helpless and in need of someone to care for him. While others pass by, one man does not. Read about what the Samaritan did to help in [Luke 10:30-35](#).

The Samaritan was able to help the man because he had the finances to do so. In what ways have you or could you show love practically through your finances to help others?

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4. What is your plan to get more money? Some practical ways include getting a side hustle, changing jobs, getting a second job, talking to someone who knows about making money and doing what they do, or selling things you create like jewelry or furniture, etc.

In what ways could you make a plan to get more money to help solve the practical problems in your own life and the lives of others?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own.

- **Make a plan** to save \$100 to take a Financial Peace University class in January.
- **Take** action to bring in more income.
- **Do** a complete inventory of how your money was spent over the last month and create a budget for better planning in the future.
- **Memorize** scripture.
- **Read** the Bible in one year as a group. You can find many reading plans on the YouVersion Bible App, and it allows group members to share thoughts about the text you will read.
- **Daily time with God.** Determine the type of routine you'd like to have to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
 - o [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - o [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do every day.
 - o If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

Give everyone in your group an index card. Ask them to write their name and action step on one side and a prayer request on the other. When finished, have everyone pass their cards to the left. Everyone in the group now has someone to connect with throughout the coming week for three reasons:

- 1) To build the relationship
- 2) To encourage to accomplish their action step
- 3) To pray for in a specific way

Ask them to place the index card on their nightstand or another place that would allow them to see it and use it every day.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel's Outreach Coordinator, at bschafer@eclife.org.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16-20 | Last week of Small Groups semester

November 18 | [1824](#)

November 13 | [Surviving the Holidays](#)

December 6 | [Impact Team Night](#)

December 11-12 | [Baptism Services](#)

[December 18-19 | Christmas Weekend Services](#)

January 2-3 | [Passion Conference](#) - (For 1824 age group.)

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.
