



Benjamins- Week 3

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

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

SOCIAL TIME (15-30 minutes)

Have an ice-breaker ready, eat a snack together, and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

Ice-Breaker suggestion: For fun, share with the group what you would do if you were given one million dollars today?

CHECK-IN TIME (15-30 minutes)

Last week, our action step was about creating a plan to gain money. How will you use your resources to create a plan to bring peace to your relationship with money?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

Money is an inevitable part of our lives. We need it to do even the simplest functions of our day-to-day lives. Despite money's necessity to our life, we struggle to maintain a healthy relationship. But why do we need a healthy relationship with money? The bible talks about money 3X as much as it talks about love. There are 2300 verses in the bible that address money or material possessions. Money can either be a curse or a blessing to our lives, and we have opportunity to act to ensure it serves as a blessing.

1. Using 3 words or less, describe your relationship with money. For example, would you consider your relationship steady, healthy, and balanced or would you classify it as unhealthy, chaotic, or stressful?
2. Tell the group about a time when you overspent your money. What was the motivation behind that spending? What would you do differently with that money if you still had it today?
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 11:2](#). God intended us to make our money work for us, not for us to work for money. Are you putting your money to work? If not, what changes can you make to your current spending to create room for investing? If yes, how did you get started investing?
4. Read [Proverbs 21:20](#). Investing our money is an opportunity to practice stewardship with the resources we have been given. Reaping the reward of investing takes a lot of

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discernment, time, and patience. It allows us to not only meet our personal needs but give us the freedom to meet the needs of others as well.

Who in your life has exemplified being patient in investing their resources and practiced extreme generosity because of it?

What action step this week do you need to take to strengthen your relationship with money and put it to work for you?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own.

- **Register for FPU:** Emmanuel offers FPU each group semester. Text FPU to 65248 or [contact the groups](#) team for more info on the next start date.
- **Get Connected:** Connect to someone who has more knowledge about investing for dinner or coffee and ask them how they got started investing.
- **Create a budget:** Watch [this video](#) to get you started.
- **Find trusted places to invest your money:** Use the [Ramsey SmartVestor](#) tool.
- **Memorize scripture:** Knowing what God says about money will help us create or maintain a healthy relationship.
- **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:
 - [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.
 - 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.



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GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18th | 1824

December 5th | VERB

December 6th | Impact Team Night

December 12th | Baptism Services

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