



Balanced: Planning (Proverbs 21:5; 21:20)

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you or caught your attention?
2. Pastor Derek said, "Jesus was clear that the greatest battle for our hearts will come from money." In what specific ways have you seen that to be true? What battles have you had financially? What impact has debt had on you and your family?
3. Look up the following verses and discuss how they relate to financial planning: **Proverbs 13:16, Proverbs 24:3-4, Luke 14:28-30.**
4. For those group members that have seen God work in their finances, share the process you went through.
5. What might be some of the common reasons people give for not having a budget and how would you talk them through that?
6. Share success stories of paying off debt and describe what some of the outcomes were that brought freedom to serve God financially in new ways.

Next Steps: Joe Sangl said, "Most people are just one or two major decisions away from completely changing their financial future." What one or two decisions have you made that will completely change your financial future? Describe how your group can support and encourage you to plan financially.

Prayer Thought: Pray for God to give wisdom and courage to each group member that identified an area of their life where they need financial freedom. Praise God that we don't have to live under bondage to debt but just as He freed us from sinner to Saint, He also can free us to a life of financial freedom.

Suggested Memory Verse: Proverbs 21:5 "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. "

Related Songs: Consider reading lyrics or playing one of these longs: *Freedom Reigns* by Jesus Culture or *I am Free* by the Newsboys.