



Cut Back, Clear Out, Pay Off

GraceYouth Week 2

Jr. High

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### **Big Idea**

More is not always better

### **Ice Breaker**

What is something that you have always wanted to buy or own?

### **Introduction:**

### **Scripture Questions | Read Ecclesiastes 4:6, Proverbs 22:7, and Luke 12:15**

1. What words or phrases stick out in these verses?
2. In Ecclesiastes 4:6, what did Solomon mean? Why would having less of something (one hand) be better than having more (two hands)? What does it mean to “strive after wind”?
3. In Proverbs 22:7, why would someone who borrows something from another be a “slave”?
4. In Luke 12:15, what is greed? What sort of “life” is Jesus referring to?

### **Application Questions**

1. On a scale of 1-10, how much of an understanding on debt did you have before coming into life group today?
2. Have you ever encountered an instance in where having more of something is not better? Why does having more stuff not satisfy us? What can truly satisfy us?
3. If being in debt makes someone serve the one, they owe money to and causes stress then how does that change your perspective when buying things?
4. Do you expect unnecessary “stuff” from your parent(s) or those who provide for you? If they are in debt, then how does that expectation affect them?
5. Debt causes a lot of anxiety because of the need to pay someone back. Can someone experience joy, peace, and be generous while following Jesus with debt? Answer honestly and explain.

### **Next Step**

Each time you receive money through a gift, or a job save at least 10% of it instead of spending it.

### **Prayer**

That God would help us to live within our means. That He would be the one who satisfies us instead of unnecessary things on the earth. That we would serve Him instead of being a “slave to the lender”.