

The Money Challenge

Small Group Week 3

Previous Reading: Chapters 4–6



Icebreaker: If you could be any animal, what would you be, and why?

Introduction: *We read a lot about ants this week, and if we paid close attention, they taught us several lessons. The ants in Proverbs 6:6–8 and 30:24–25 taught us that saving is wise, that there are seasons of abundance and seasons of scarcity, that abundance gives us an opportunity to prepare for scarcity, that saving requires a goal, and that saving requires perseverance. We need to remember and apply all these truths as we seek to save wisely.*

Question 1: Chapter 4 lists three reasons why people don't save: the desire for instant gratification; an inability to grasp future reality; and a lack of financial margin. Which, if any, of these relates most to your situation?

Question 2: What is the chief reason we should save? What are some secondary reasons we ought to save?

Question 3: Are there practical areas you can cut back spending now in order to save?

Close in prayer: Thank God for your group members, ask Him to prepare your hearts for this week's reading, and pray for the courage and humility to obey His Word when it comes to your money.

Assign next week's reading: Chapters 7–9