



HOMEGROUP GUIDE

For the week of February 11th, 2018

Real Life Ministries Treasure Valley



HOME GROUP GUIDELINES

FOR US TO HAVE HEALTHY AND SAFE CONVERSATIONS

THIS IS A SAFE GROUP

- We will all do our part to create an environment where everyone can be real, open and honest with their struggles and victories

CONFIDENTIALITY IS KEY

- What is said in the group stays in the group

NO CROSSTALK

- Crosstalk is a conversation that leaves others out
- No side conversations
- Listen while others are speaking (if you want to explore more of what someone said, call or talk to them afterwards. This also builds relationship outside of the group time)

NO FIXING OR RESCUING

- We are not here to fix each other, Jesus does that part
- Give encouragement, speak truth, point to Jesus
- Life is a journey, allow people to struggle - grow

CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE

- Be sensitive about the amount of time you share
- Allow time for others to be a part of the discussion, don't be a first responder

USE "I" VS. "WE" OR "THEM" STATEMENTS

- This is a time for us as individuals to grow
- Work on honesty, transparency, authenticity
- Be committed to resolve conflict Biblically

As humans we will need to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, but an opportunity for growth. We are all being changed to be more like Jesus so conflict and change are part of the journey.

Here are some key scriptures to refer to:

- If someone sins against you. (Matthew 18:15-20)
- Restoring someone in sin. (Galatians 6:1-5)
- Forgive a sinner. (Colossians 3:12-13)
- Reconciling differences. (Matthew 5:23-24)

House Rules (slightly different in each home)

- Honor group start and end times.
- Kid safety guidelines and clean up.

Life.Money.Legacy #1

THEME: "Basics Lead to Legacy"

TEXTS: See Below

USE THE FOLLOWING TO LEAD YOUR GROUP THROUGH THE DISCUSSION ...

Guidelines: *Read and/or discuss the HG guidelines (see above).*

Vision & Mission: *Share the vision & mission of RLM with your group.*

VISION: *Reaching the world for Jesus, one person at a time.*

MISSION: *Creating Biblical disciples in relational environments.*

Icebreaker: *Take an opportunity to get your group going with a question/game.*

ICEBREAKER SUGGESTION:

Think of your first paying job and tell about what it meant & how you spent your pay.

Set the Scene: *This week's content is drawn from week 1 of Life.Money.Legacy.*

Go over the points below with your group and read the relevant Scriptures.

(SUGGESTION: Give out papers with various verses to group members at the start of your group time and ask them to read when appropriate.)

1 CRITICAL TRUTH AND 7 BASICS OF BIBLICAL WISDOM ON FINANCES

1 Critical Truth

1. *The critical truth we must realize is this: "Everything we have is the Lord's." He has **entrusted to and given** us any wealth or resources we possess.*
 - Psalm 24:1-2 - Matthew 25:27-29 - Proverbs 13:22

7 Basics of Biblical Wisdom on Finances

1. *Write a budget and live within it.*
 - Luke 14:28-29 - Luke 16:10
2. *Live with margin and be a giver.*
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19
3. *Get out of debt and stay out of debt.*
 - Proverbs 22:7
4. *Seek wisdom and relationships.*

- Proverbs 23:33 - Proverbs 24:3-4 - 1 Corinthians 15:33
- 5. *Save and invest money.*
 - Proverbs 21:20
- 6. *Tithe.*
 - Malachi 3:10
- 7. *Work hard.*
 - Proverbs 12:11 - Proverbs 13:4

Discussion Questions: *Below are questions to get your group talking about the biblical principles you have just covered.*

1. What stood out to you from the texts (or the sermon)?
2. Do you think the basics listed above make sense?
3. How do you feel about the idea that everything belongs to God and you are a steward (overseer/manager) of what He has entrusted to you?
4. What is your biggest practical struggle or challenge regarding managing your finances (can be directly related to above, or something else)?
5. What is your biggest emotional/heart struggle or challenge regarding finances?
6. How have you been challenged to live differently from this week's sermon and biblical content?

Summary: *GOD WANTS US TO HAVE A FULL LIFE! OUR DEALINGS WITH MONEY FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL LIVE THE LIFE THE LORD DESIRES FOR US. HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US WHAT IS HIS AND HE WANTS US TO MANAGE IT WELL SO WE CAN BE GENEROUS, BUILD HIS KINGDOM, ENJOY IT, AND LEAVE A LEGACY TO PASS ON.*

Prayer: *Have someone from your group record the requests and pray together.*

Preparation for Next Time:

Next Week: We will continue with the series: "Life.Money.Legacy."

Preparation: Go over the passages from week 1. Continue to go on the journey of thinking about how you are currently doing with stewarding your life, your money, and your financial legacy.