

Session 2: Principles

GROUP LEADER NOTES & SESSION WALK THROUGH



KEY IDEA TO FOCUS ON THIS WEEK

God's Word gives us timeless financial principles that are always right, always relevant, and never changing. We all live within the same five uses of money (Live, Give, Owe-Debt, Owe-Taxes, Grow), and how we balance those reveals our priorities. Remember for this week (and future ones) to focus more on percentages of spending in each category rather than dollar amounts.

Review (10 min)

As you start the group, have the group read together the Bible verse and key idea from last week at the top of [page 14](#).

Afterwards, take some time for everyone in your group to share how things went tracking their spending. The two key questions to focus on is, **"what story did your spending tell this past week? Is it one you're proud of or wish was different?"** People don't need to share everything they spent money on, but the goal is to help you pay attention to where you're spending money and what story it's telling.

REMEMBER, if your group is larger than 6 or 8 people, you'll want to split into smaller groups for this opening discussion.

Opening Discussion (10 min)

See middle of [page 14](#) and remember that this opening discussion is meant to just get the group talking and sharing a little bit of their story with one another.

Message (21 min)

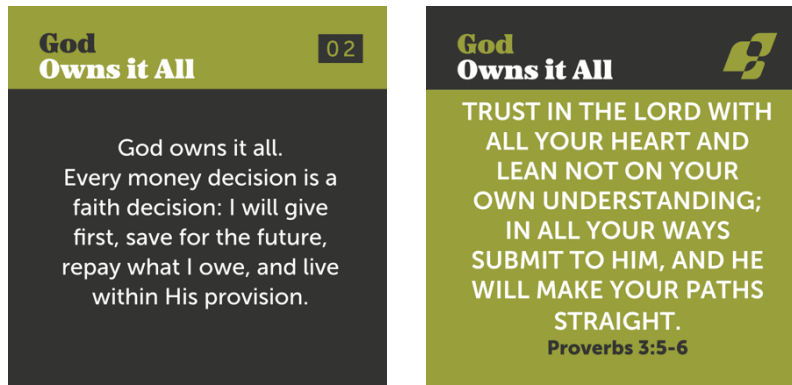
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Group Discussion (30-35 min)

If you don't have time to cover all the questions this week, try focusing on **questions 1, 2, 3, and 6**. Remember, if you don't cover all the questions that is okay. Focusing on a few key questions or even asking a follow up question to help your group better apply this week's lesson will often yield better results than just trying to rush through each question.

Taking the Next Step (5-10 min)

Have someone in your group read the paragraph at the top of **page 18** then have everyone **grab the memory cards** out of their books and as a group read the Bible verse on **card #2** and then read the key idea as a group. Challenge yourself and your group members to memorize these two things each week because unless our beliefs change and are molded by God's Word, then our behavior will never shift long term.



Second, this week's activity is get people to see where there's a gap between where they'd like their spending to be versus where it presently is. Please take a few moments to talk through this exercise to be sure people know what to do, but it essentially has three parts to it:

- 1) Create a pie of spending based on where you'd like to be TOMORROW (i.e, in the future) - **Page 18**.
- 2) Calculate where your spending is TODAY.** If someone doesn't have exact numbers that's okay, but try to be as close as possible for accurate results – **Page 19**.
- 3) Reflect on what the gap is between TODAY and where you'd like to be TOMORROW – **Bottom of page 19**.

****Remind people that there is a *VERY HELPFUL CALCULATOR* they can use for step 2 on the OBCC website by going to obcc.church/pie-calculator**

Group Prayer (10 min)

IDEA TO TRY: There are many ways to handle group prayer, but a simple and effective way to do this is to grab some index cards to use each week for prayer time. Pass one card out to each person in your group then ask them to write down a personal and specific prayer request along with their name and phone number at the top of their card. Afterwards, have them swap it with another person in the group of the same gender and encourage them to pray for this person and send them a text this week too. This is an easy, but effective way to nudge the men in the group to reach out to one another, and for the women to do the same.