

## You Asked For It Money Talks 1

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.*

Proverbs 22:7 NIV

*6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 NIV*

*19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:19-24 NIV*

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- What's one of the stupidest things you've ever done with money? What did you learn from your experience?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- If someone was to look at your checkbook, what could they tell about you based on the way you spend your money?
- If money were no object, what would you do with the rest of your life?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Matthew 6:19-24 What are some steps you can take to ensure you are serving God and not money?
- In what ways do you think you have been tempted to love and serve money?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

- Ask God to reveal to you wrong attitudes you might have about money. When He does, ask forgiveness and ask Him to help you to adopt the attitude He wants you to have.

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What are some steps you can take to ensure you are serving God and not money?
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?