

the HOME SHEET

this week's topic:

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL:
MONEY CAN MAKE US SLAVES TO DEBT

I. CHECK-IN

Check-in about last week's challenge:

Last week you were challenged to think about the times you might have been ungrateful for what you have. What strategies from last week's SermonCast did you use to combat ungratefulness?

II. SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 22:7b: A borrower is a slave to the lender.

2 Kings 4:1-7: Now there was a woman who had been married to a member of a group of prophets. She appealed to Elisha, saying "My husband, your servant, is dead. You know how he feared the Lord. But now someone he owed money to has come to take my two children away as slaves. Elisha said to her, "What can I do for you? Tell me what you still have left in the house." She said, "Your servant has nothing at all in the house except a small jar of oil. Elisha said, "Go out and borrow containers from all your neighbors. Get as many empty containers as possible. Then go in and close the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all those containers. Set each one aside when it's full." She left Elisha and closed the door behind her and her sons. They brought her containers as she kept pouring. When she had filled the containers, she said to her son, "Bring me another container." He said to her, "There aren't any more." Then the oil stopped flowing, and she reported this to [Elisha]. He said, "Go! Sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what remains."

III. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. CHALLENGE

Pastor Fernie shared three practical ways to get out of debt (create a budget, aggressively use the debt snowball effect, and find an accountability partner). Try one of these this week!

Be prepared to share about this next week.

III. DISCUSSION

- Reflect on the scriptures above. What stands out to you?
- In what ways can you relate to the women in the 2 Kings scripture above?
- Have you ever felt like debt has robbed you of enjoying life?
- Have you ever paid off a debt? What kind of difference did it make in your life?
- How can being debt-free help you to bring about the diverse kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven?