



A Better Way, Pt. 4: Flip the Script

When it comes to finances, it's normal to go into debt so deep that you can't see the way out. But there's a better way. If you want to live with financial peace you have to flip the script to your financial story.

Bottom Line: To flip the script of your financial future requires new priorities and commitments.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define wealth?
2. The United States has often been referred to as the wealthiest nation in history. With all of the wealth we have, why do you think we have so much stress around money, finances, and possessions?
3. Based on financial research, Americans are deeply in debt, have virtually no savings, and couldn't pay cash for \$1,000 emergency. In other words, we're broke. What factors have gotten us to where we are?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14.** Although this was written to the Jewish people thousands of years ago, do you believe this still represents God's heart for people who follow him today? Why or why not?
5. **Read Malachi 3:7-10 and Matthew 6:33-34.** Why is it important that we prioritize God when it comes to our finances? Why is this difficult?
6. In the message this week, you were invited to flip your financial priorities from what is typical (spend, pay debt, taxes, savings, giving) to what is extraordinary (giving, saving, and living on the rest). Why is it difficult to flip the script?
7. In order to follow the better way God has for us financially, there are four things to which you can commit. How likely are you to consider making any or all of the four commitments below? If you're already doing one or more of these, discuss with the group why you've made that decision and the impact you've experienced.
 - Honoring God by giving the first 10% (or more) of my income to my church
 - Honoring myself with saving 10% (or more) for my future
 - Eliminating my current consumer debt
 - Establishing a spending plan that honors God and allows me to live with financial peace

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.

8. Discuss with the group what action steps you might consider taking to hold you accountable to those commitments you made. Is there a way the group can help?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from this series? How has that thought/idea helped you?
10. How can the group encourage you this week?