



## For Group Discussion

### Week 4 - Decision

#### CONNECT

In James' message, he communicated the idea that *information* doesn't bring *transformation*. Can you identify any past situation in your life where you knew the right thing to do, but didn't do it, which caused you to not get the result you were hoping for? If we know from experience that the wisdom from God is paramount in every other area of our lives, why do we struggle with God's wisdom about money?

#### ENGAGE

What are some of the things that we should be prepared for when we make a decision to commit to getting out of debt and honoring God first? James mentioned some ideas, and we find ideas in the ABC's of Financial Freedom book as well. How can we stay on target with our goals and decisions of being obedient, despite these issues?

What are the various blessings that we can experience when we are obedient to God's truth? Will those same blessings be experienced if we choose to do things "our way"?

#### REFLECT

Of all of the practical tips to giving shared by James and in Chapter 4 of ABC's of Financial Freedom, what idea(s) stood out to you most? Which idea(s) has caused you to most seriously consider your financial decisions?

On pages 92 and 93 of ABC's of Financial Freedom, Barry Cameron shares six lessons from the historical account of Naaman and his servants (2 Kings, chapter 5). Which of these lessons do you see as being most applicable to your own life and financial situation? In what ways?

#### APPLY

God, thank you so much for the truth found in your Word. We thank you also for the security that comes through obedience to your ways. But God, sometimes we just want to do things our way, and it's hard to convince ourselves otherwise. Help us be faithful to your ways and your will, not our own. Help us to have a faith that grows and grows with each step of obedience that we take. As we place ourselves under your fountain of blessings, we pray that you would show us more and more of your goodness and grace. Please help us to turn off the voices of discouragement, distraction, and opposition to our plans of obeying and following you. God, we believe that we've been called higher. We know that our very best life can only be experienced when we apply your principles, your way, in every area of our lives. Help us to put you first in everything. You deserve our very best, not our leftovers, or our afterthoughts. Help us, today, to decide to put your principles to work in our lives. In Jesus' Name, amen.