

## HOME GROUP QUESTIONS

June 9, 2015 – BE WEIRD – DON'T BE A SLAVE!

1. What's the craziest thing you have purchased on credit?
2. What are some ways this world encourages us to take on more debt than is healthy? (think about TV commercials, etc.).

### GET INTO THE WORD

1. What are some valid reasons people take on debt? Some unwise or wrong reasons?
2. Read **Philippians 4:19**. What does Paul mean when he says that "God will supply all your needs"?
3. Does this mean a Christian will never be in need – never be hungry or broke?
4. **Read the verses that come before Philippians 4:19 (Focus on verses 10-13) –** discuss what was going on with Paul at the time and the meaning of those verses. How do those verses expand our understanding of the time and manner in which God "supplies all of our needs"?
5. How might distinguishing between "needs" and wants help us get out of debt?
6. Read **Romans 13:8-10**. What does Paul mean when he says, "Owe no man anything except to love one another"?
7. Does Paul prohibit debt altogether or is he just critical of not paying what we owe when we owe it?
8. Read **Proverbs 22:7**. In what ways might the borrower become a "slave" to the lender?
9. How does debt negatively affect us emotionally, physically and spiritually?

### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

10. Discuss some practical advice the older people in your group can give the younger people about borrowing money/using credit cards, etc.? What would you do differently if you could start over?
11. Ask the younger people to offer their candid response as to whether the advice is really helpful to them – and is it something they can really do in their circumstances. Spend some time problem solving together...

Review these five actions to start reducing and eliminating debt from Sunday's message. Which ones will you commit to implementing this week?

#1 – Put God first. #2 – Be a productive earner (See Ephesians 4:28). #3 – Don't use credit for a depreciating asset. #4 – Work on building a nest egg. #5 – Pay down and pay off your debt, beginning with the smallest.

### PRAYER TIME