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Week Three

Choked by debt and worry

OPENING

- Why do we worry about money?

READ MARK 4:13-20

- In thorny soil, what three things crowded out the message?
- Which of those do you most struggle with?

READ ECCLESIASTES 5:10, LUKE 12:15, MATTHEW 6:21; 24

- What do these verses say about greed and the love of money?
- How can greed and the love of money lead to debt?
- What are the antidotes for greed or the love money?

READ PROVERBS 22:7, ROMANS 13:8, PSALM 37:21

- What do these verses say about debt?
- Why do you think God is opposed to debt?
- How has debt enslaved you in some form or fashion?

MAKING IT REAL

- Given your current financial status, would you say you are under resourced or overcommitted financially (in debt)?
- In the last 12 months, have you: 1) taken on more debt, 2) reduced your debt, or 3)

lived without debt?

- If you have taken on more debt, what were the reasons for that?
- If you have been in the process of reducing your debt, what's your approach?
- For those debt free, how did you get there?

"I am afraid that our eyes are bigger than our stomachs, and that we have more curiosity than understanding. We grasp at everything, but catch nothing except wind."

Michel de Montaigne

We recommend for the under-resourced, to speak openly with your group as well as come to the Grace Care Center. We can help. For those overcommitted, we'd recommend the book, "God Owns it All," by Ron Blue, available through the Grace Bookstore and Café, and "The Genius of Generosity," by Chip Ingram, available through RightNow Media.

PRAY TOGETHER

Based on what was raised in the discussion, pray for one another to move in a direction to live without the worries of debt and the greed to acquire more.