

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



5 LIES OF THE DEVIL
OCTOBER 12, 2014
I'M NOT RICH



SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

SERVE THE CITY – AGAPE OUTREACH HOME

We're looking for a home group to step up and help Agape Outreach Home in Fountain City host their annual fall festival with their residents. Agape specializes in inpatient care and rehabilitation for individuals with mental illness and disability. This event provides a fun weekend for the residents! By volunteering at this event, we are freeing their staff to invest in and be with the residents instead of managing games and food! Sign up by emailing dylan@onelifeknox.com.

COUNSELING IS AVAILABLE

The 5 Lies of The Devil Sermon Series has been one of the most challenging and life changing series in OneLife history. If you have felt challenged by these messages and would like to talk it over with a professional counselor, OneLife is providing the first two sessions at Ebenezer Counseling Services at no charge. For more information or to make your appointment, contact Ebenezer Counseling Services at (865) 670-0988 and tell them that you're from OneLife Church.

WE BELIEVE

We Believe is a unique presentation where parents and kids learn what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The next We Believe presentation is on October 26th after the second service at both campuses. To sign up or for more information, email kids@onelifeknox.com.

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It's not too late to pre-order copies of the new OneLife Worship Album: Waking The Giant (Live). You can get yours today for \$10 by going to www.onelifeknox.com/cd!

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

JAMES 5:1-5 (NLT) – Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. ²Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. ⁴For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The cries of those who harvest your fields have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. ⁵You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter.

MATTHEW 6:21 (NLT) - ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

LUKE 14:28 (NLT) - ²⁸ “But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?”

PROVERBS 21:20 (NLT) - The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.

PROVERBS 22:7 (NLT) - Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 (NLT) - ⁶Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” ⁸And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

Jog Your Memory:

- The Lie: “I’m not rich.”
- Individuals making \$20,000 per year rank in the top 3% wealthiest people in the world.
- We believe the lie that “I’m not rich,” when we fall into the comparison trap of comparing to those who have more than we have.
- If we aren’t managing our money well, money will always be in competition for our heart.

1. What is the stupidest thing you’ve ever done with your money? What did you learn from your experience? What are some things you’ve learned about money that turned out not to be true or wise?

Use this warm up question as an easy “jumping off” point for conversation. Almost everyone can answer this question, so you might consider asking everyone to answer this one.

You might have bought one of those as-seen-on tv gimmick products, taken out a loan with a ridiculous interest rate, or a funny impulse purchase.

2. Read Matthew 6:24 and Proverbs 22:7. How do these verses say that money competes with your heart? Proverbs 22:7 says debt makes us a servant to the lender; why is this true? Matthew 6:24 says we can’t serve both money and God; why is this true? If debt and money can have that much control of us, how does this compete with Jesus having control?

Matthew 6:24	Proverbs 22:7
<p>²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.</p>	<p>⁷ Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Where is the control in these two examples?</p>	
<p>Money controls you when you <i>love</i> it, which means you’re willing to sacrifice for it. Since money is the object of our love, we sacrifice other things just to get more money or to protect the money we have.</p>	<p>Money has control when you <i>owe</i> other people. The verse says it makes you a slave. When you’re a slave to money, you’re not <i>giving</i> control, you’re out of control.</p>
<p>What are some examples of things we sacrifice due to our love of money?</p>	<p>If God called you to move your family, quit a job, or to be radically generous, would you be able to do it?</p>

This question centers around this idea of control. The Bible is pretty explicit that money is one of the big things that controls us, and our experience of life certainly backs that up. In one example, we *give* control because we love something; we'll gladly meet it's needs, even if it means sacrificing other needy things in our life. In the other example, control is taken from us because we must do what the lender says to do, or there are consequences.

3. Have you ever considered yourself to be rich? Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8. What statements from these verses prove that you are indeed rich? How are you guilty of falling into the comparison trap? Have things that were once considered blessings (children, houses, jobs, cars, etc) led you to start to believe the lie that "I'm not rich" rather than feeling content? How have choices you made led you to believe the lie rather than feeling content?

The verse sets up two ideas of being rich.

One is a very *literal* richness: "So if we have enough food and clothing..."
The other is a metaphorical richness: "true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth."

Get the group discussing the difference between these two types of rich and ask for examples of both. If you're literally rich, but spiritually poor, are you really rich? If you're spiritually rich, but you don't have much money, are you still rich?

The questions eventually turn toward the idea of contentment. If God is not in control of your heart, contentment and thankfulness will be fleeting. We all have examples of this in our lives when the one thing we begged God for later turned into the reason that we don't feel rich.

4. Read Acts 4:32-35. The Christians in this passage were wildly generous. They virtually eradicated poverty in their community. What had to be in place for this to be possible? How would your life change if you were completely debt free? If you are debt free, share what impact this has had on your life and what steps you took to become debt free.

This question is designed to help the group understand how debt keeps us from living on mission. Not only does debt make us a slave to the lender, but it zaps our ability to be generous and follow what God is leading us to do.

This question addresses both the community aspect ("What if we all did this?") and the personal aspect ("How would things be different for me?").

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)