



Notes for group leaders

Money is a huge subject and, once opened up, can be hard to close down! The resources in this Extra offer a brief outline of a second session should it be required. The main focus is to enable feedback on the “manna jar” practical action that can be taken by individuals and the church.



Opening worship (2 minutes)

You could use the opening worship resources from the first session again, or plan a short prayer of your own.



Activity 1: Money autobiographies (25 minutes)

Ask the group to share in pairs their first remembered experiences of money. It might be funny, and often is, but it can be sad, so sensitivity is always important. Ask pairs to explore how money was handled at home: was it discussed, ignored, impolite, the solution to all problems or a cause of worry and arguments?

These early messages are powerful and formative of our own money personalities. They often continue to exert an unseen influence on all our decisions and feelings around money. Because they are often buried so deeply they can cause all sorts of problems in relationships. Invite pairs to discuss how those early memories influence attitudes and decision-making now.

Finally, allow some time for sharing stories in the wider group. The purpose is to become more aware of the shaping of our actions around money so that we can understand ourselves and hear more clearly ourselves, other people and, most importantly, what the Bible has to say about money matters in our everyday lives.



Activity 2: Sharing (20 minutes)

Invite everyone to share personal actions taken since the first session, e.g. a Record of Spending or making a budget.



Activity 3: Bible study (25 minutes)

Explore the following Old Testament passages:

- Deuteronomy 15:1–11: the cancellation of debts;
- Leviticus 25:35–38: forbidding interest;
- Deuteronomy 24:6–13: items taken as security for a loan.



Action points (30 minutes)

Have a general discussion on how the church can act on debt and money matters in the local community. Be sure to make notes of the ideas that arise, as you will need to refer back to them in the “Just Action” session.



Closing worship (2 minutes)

You could use the closing worship resources from the first session again, or plan a short prayer of your own.