

## MESSAGE GROUPS - BUY HAPPY TOWN HALL - NOVEMBER 11

### LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

The “Buy Happy” series takes an honest look at the materialistic culture we live in. As a leader, know that the message content and questions can hit very close to home in the realm of finances and pushes those in your group to tap into a truly fulfilling “God first” life over a life that is centered on material possessions alone.

### ICEBREAKER:

If you could get one question answered about your finances, what would it be?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**LEADERS:** *Navigate these questions by allowing discussion among the group. This is not Q&A and many of these questions don't have one right answer, so help your group process them out loud together.*

- **Q:** *Is ALL debt bad? How can you avoid bad debt when you need debt to live?*

**PRINCIPLE:** Debt is yours to own, so be responsible with it and don't take on more than you can manage. Think about WHY you have debt - is it because you are carelessly spending money you don't have?

- **Q:** *If you have children, how can you keep them free from the love of money in a culture that is so obsessed with having and getting more stuff?*

**PRINCIPLE:** It doesn't matter where you fall on the spectrum of wealth, you can instill principles in your kids to help them understand **Earning, Honoring, Enough,** and **Empty.** It is about a mindset, not a dollar amount.

- **Q:** *Do you struggle more with greed for money or with finding your security in money?*

**PRINCIPLE:** Holding loosely and giving generously is what sets us free from the grip of money in our lives.

- **Q:** *How do you manage the tension of enjoying stuff without celebrating stuff over God?*

**PRINCIPLE:** God blesses us and blessings are meant to be enjoyed - but our love for stuff can never overshadow our love for God. Enjoy stuff (within boundaries and budget) but know who all good gifts come from!

### CLOSE:

**Leaders** - *Choose whether you will have your group answer out loud or use this question for further, personal reflection.*

- **Q:** *Of the principles discussed in this series and the Town Hall Teaching - what is the one take-away that you can begin to apply in your life with the way you manage money and material things?*