



## Small Group Discussion Guide

April 23, 2017

**Sermon Title:**

“3 Keys for a Healthy Marriage: Finance”

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 5:1-5

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 27:23-27

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

**Getting Started:** Do you have a budget? Why or why not? If you are married, how does a budget or lack of one impact your marriage?

### Discussion:

1. Read Ecclesiastes 5:4. Think about vows, commitments, you have made (God, marriage, contracts, etc.) – what warning does this verse give? Are you a vow keeper?
2. **God owns everything** (1 Tim 6:7). Do you really believe this? Is it a practical mindset? How do you reveal God’s ownership of your finances? How does believing God owns everything change the discussions your spouse and you have about money? (See also, Prov14:12. What does it add to this discussion?)
3. **Keep good records** (Prov 24:3-4). Have you ever started something you could not finish? How does good financial record keeping help us finish the course, financially and in marriage?
4. **Think ahead** (Lk 14:28). Do you have plans, written plans, for this year? The next 3-5? What about life plans? The opening question asked about a budget, what was the consensus? Can someone achieve important plans without a financial strategy? True or false – once you are in trouble it is too late to make a plan.
5. How is the process of planning and reviewing a budget, helpful to communication in a marriage?
6. **Get educated** (Prov 14:15). How knowledgeable are you about handling money? What about your spouse? A? What might be helpful to learn for the next stage of your life and marriage?

**Closing:** *Close by praying for each other. Go **SHARE JESUS . . . in Service!***