



Stewardship of Treasure



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs.
Listen carefully and
record your partner's
thoughts in the space
provided. Then return
to small group and
share your friend's
highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

**and highlight
the theme verse
in your Bible**

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

Malachi 3:10



TALK

**about how the
Bible reading
might relate to
your highs
and lows**

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or painting by Dr. He Qi (back page).
2. Where are you in this work of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might the art relate to your highs and lows?

ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. A friend spends all their money on themselves. What do you say?
2. A friend gives to charity, but not to church. What do you say?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Why do you think the richest countries in the world have the highest rates of suicide, alcoholism, and depression among teens?
2. What do you think Jesus means when he says, "You can gain the whole world but lose or forfeit your soul?"

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

Some people are so poor, all they have is money.

Bob Marley

Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.

Woody Allen

To be clever enough to get all the money one must be stupid enough to want it.

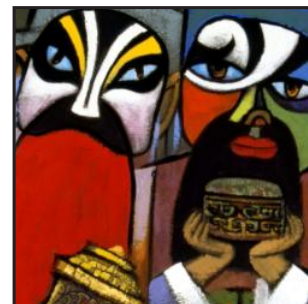
C. K. Chesterton

The God I believe in isn't short of cash, mister.

Bono

When I lie in bed at night, I think of all the people sitting comfortably in their warm homes and realize that if all those good, dear people would just share a little bit of what they have, you wouldn't hear the little beggar children anymore, because they would not exist.

Anne Frank



Write a definition...

TREASURE

BLESSING

FAITHFUL

TIME

GIFT



Adoration of the Magi by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



PRAY

for one another's
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



BLESS

one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

The Bible has a different view of money than that of the world. Ultimately, money is meaningless. It can never satisfy people who love it. It brings not a better life, but a restless dissatisfaction and desire for more.



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