



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Take the group through each of the ten statements individually, along with the verses and ask the following:

- Do you agree with the Pinocchio rating? Why/why not?
- In what ways was this point a challenge to you?
- What other insights can you think of on the statement?

Spend time as a group praying that God will make us wise about finances.

Leader's Guide

MONEY MATTERS 2: Fact checking what we believe about money.

In the parable of the *Sower And The Seed*, Jesus said that some people are drawn away from God by *the deceitfulness of wealth (Mark 4:18)*. There is no time in history where that has been more true than now. We are constantly bombarded with misinformation about money, and the Church is not an exception.

This message takes ten statements commonly made about money and exposes them to them to the truth of the Bible. In doing so, we used the Washington Post's "Pinocchio Standard" as the method for describing each statement's biblical accuracy.



10 COMMONLY HELD BELIEFS ABOUT MONEY

- 1. Money is evil:** 
1 Tim 6:10; Mark 10:21
- 2. Money is a worldly resource that can be used for spiritual objectives:** 
Luke 16:9; James 2:15
- 3. I'm not wealthy:** 
Luke 18:11; 2Cor 10:12; 1 Tim 6:8
This is also a Pinocchio flip: 
- 4. I need just a little more to be happy:** 
Ecc 5:10; Luke 12:15; 1Tim 6:10
- 5. I'll be a more generous person when I have more:** 
Luke 16:10
- 6. I'm better than others because I'm wealthy:** 
James 2:2-3; 1Tim 6:17
- 7. The wealthy are not better, but they/we are responsible:** 
Pro 14:31, 22:2; Ex 23:11; Luke 4:18; Luke 7:22; 1Tim 6:18-19
- 8. 10% of my resources belong to God:** 
Ps 24:1
- 9. How I handle money is a reliable indicator of my spiritual condition:** 
Matt 6:21; Luke 16:11
- 10. Most of us struggle with trusting God to provide for our needs:** 
Matt 7:22-31; John 14:1