

#### **ACT YOUR WAGE - PT 2**

"In God We Trust" Pastor Chris Lautsbaugh August 18-19, 2019

God offers a path from financial pressure to financial peace through wise <u>stewardship</u> and <u>generosity</u>.

Galatians 5:1

1. Don't <u>consume</u> more than you <u>have</u>. *Proverbs 22:7b; Deuteronomy 28:12b; Deuteronomy 20:19-20* 

2. Don't consume <u>today</u> at the expense of <u>tomorrow</u>. *Proverbs 21:5 (MSG); Leviticus 23:22* 

- 3. Everything you have, should not be everything you consume.
  - "An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction UNLESS acted upon by an unbalanced force." Newton's First Law of Motion

# **Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions**

#### **Celebrate and Care:**

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

## **Big Idea:**

God gave Israel principles to keep them out of financial bondage. As we apply these things, they can help us on the path from financial pressure to financial peace.

## Open Up:

What did you learn about handling money as a child? Where did you learn it?

#### **Discuss:**

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ► Read Proverbs 21:5. What is a good financial decision you made in the past that is now producing fruit?
- Who is someone you know personally that deals with their money well? What about them makes you think that?
- ► How could intentionally having a margin give financial freedom? When or how would it be used?
- What are some small financial decisions people could make today that would have impact on tomorrow? What are some big decisions?

### **Engage:**

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Pastor Chris offered several options as action steps. What are 2-3 actionable goals God would have you do?

- Sign up online for Financial Peace University (weekly class starting Sept. 23. Register at: worshipcenter.org/groupfinder)
- Pay more than the minimum balance on a credit card.
- Cancel a subscription you don't use enough.
- Limit eating out.
- Brew your own coffee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert other step here)

#### Close together in prayer.