

WEEKLY GROUP GUIDE

	Scripture:	Ecclesiastes 5:8–6:12
	Week of:	February 23, 2026
	Message Title:	Money Can't Buy It
	Speaker:	Ps. Lenard Tavernelli

1. ICEBREAKER (5–10 MINS)

If someone handed you an extra \$1 million today, what do you think would change about your life? What do you think would stay the same?

2. READ TOGETHER

Have someone from your group read aloud **ECCLESIASTES 5:8–6:12**.

Ask: As you listen, notice how often the passage speaks about wealth, satisfaction, enjoyment, and control. What repeated frustrations or limits do you hear in the text about money and what it can actually accomplish?

3. Group Discussion (30–40 mins)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: (Use the most helpful questions for your group.)

- 1.** The passage begins by connecting greed and oppression. Where do you see the love of money quietly distorting justice in our world? Where might it subtly distort your own decisions?
- 2.** “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money.” If you are honest, what do you expect money to give you that God has not promised to give?
- 3.** Why does comparison make even abundance feel insufficient? Who do you instinctively measure yourself against?

4. Koheleth says the rich often lose sleep while the laborer sleeps sweetly. What anxieties reveal that money or security has taken hold of your heart?
5. Chapter 6 describes someone who has everything but lacks the power to enjoy it. Where in your life do you already have good gifts but struggle to enjoy them?
6. The sermon emphasized that control is an illusion. In what area of your life are you trying hardest to control outcomes rather than receive them from God?
7. The center of the passage says it is good and fitting to “accept your lot” and rejoice in your toil. What part of your present lot do you most resist? What would it look like to receive it as a gift instead of a burden?
8. The preacher warned that good gifts become enslaving when we treat them as ultimate. What good thing in your life is most in danger of becoming a counterfeit god?
9. How does Ecclesiastes 5:8–6:12 connect to our mission to **“Proclaim the truth of Jesus and grow mature disciples for the glory of God”**?

This passage exposes money as a false promise of satisfaction and control. By revealing its limits, it clears the way for us to proclaim Jesus as the only One who truly satisfies and gives eternal life. We proclaim the truth of Jesus when we show that life under the sun cannot deliver what only Christ can. Disciples grow mature when they stop striving for wealth as savior and learn to rest in Christ as sufficient.

10. How does this passage reshape our core values as a church?
 - **Worship:** We honor the Giver rather than idolizing the gifts.
 - **Bible Knowledge:** Scripture corrects our distorted thinking about wealth and control.
 - **Fellowship:** Contentment frees us from comparison and competition.
 - **Prayer:** We trust God with tomorrow instead of trying to control it.
 - **Service:** Wealth becomes stewardship, not status.
 - **Giving:** Generosity flows from gratitude, not fear.
 - **Evangelism:** We point people to Christ, not to prosperity as proof of blessing.

- **Missions:** We invest in eternal treasure rather than temporary gain.

4. Prayer (10–15 mins)

Thank God for His generosity and ask for freedom from the love of money.

Prompt:

Father, we confess how easily our hearts chase what cannot satisfy. Forgive us for seeking control, security, or identity in money and possessions. Thank You that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Teach us to receive what You give with gratitude and to hold it loosely. Free us from striving for what cannot save and fix our hearts on Christ, who alone gives eternal life. Shape us into a people who enjoy Your gifts and honor You as the Giver. In Jesus' name, amen.