

## **FREEDOM: Act Your Wage**

November 16, 2025

### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

#### **Message Summary.**

Money problems are heart problems. When we overspend, stress follows. Acting your wage means trusting God with what you have, learning contentment with what He's given, and creating a plan that honors Him. Freedom is about aligning your habits with God's wisdom. Ask for His guidance, live with gratitude, stick to a plan, and then peace replaces pressure.

#### **Key Scripture Summaries.**

**Proverbs 21:20** | Wise people save and plan; foolish people spend whatever they get.

**James 1:5** | God generously gives wisdom to those who ask for it.

**Philippians 4:11-13, 19** | Paul learned the secret of contentment: trusting Christ in every circumstance. God supplies every need, not every greed.

**Proverbs 27:23-24** | Know the condition of your flocks. Keep track of what God has entrusted to you.

**Philippians 4:6-7** | Prayer and gratitude bring peace that surpasses understanding, even in our finances.

#### **Start Talking.**

1. What's one purchase you regret because you didn't think it through?
2. If your money could talk, what would it say about your priorities?

#### **Start Thinking.**

- Read Proverbs 21:20. What is the difference between "acting your wage" and "acting your wish"?
- According to James 1:5, how does asking God for guidance impact financial decisions?
- Read Philippians 4:11-13. Why is contentment something we must learn, not something that comes naturally?

- What does Proverbs 27:23-24 teach about knowing "the condition of your flocks" in today's world?

#### **Start Sharing.**

1. Where do you tend to struggle most?  
Earning, spending, saving, or contentment?
2. Share a time when God gave you wisdom for a financial decision. What was the result?
3. Which of these steps do you need most right now: Asking God for guidance, learning contentment, or making and sticking to a spending plan?
4. How might your peace level change if you trusted God to meet your needs instead of comparing your life to others?
5. What's one financial habit that's keeping you from freedom, and one new habit that could help you find it?

#### **Start Praying.**

*God, thank You for being our Provider and our Peace. Give us wisdom to act our wage, contentment to live with gratitude, and courage to make changes that honor You. Teach us to seek Your guidance first, manage Your blessings wisely, and rest in the promise that You will supply all our needs in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

#### **Start Doing.**

- Ask God for guidance. Take 10 minutes tonight to read James 1:5 and Philippians 4:6-7. Pray: "Lord, show me one habit to start and one expense to cut."
- Stay grateful. Mute or unfollow anything that stirs discontent this week. Each time you want to buy something unnecessary, thank God for what you already have.
- Make a plan and stick to it. Create a simple spending plan for the next 7 days: God first, cover essentials, and cut one expense. Set a reminder each Sunday night for your "Act Your Wage Check-In."