

WEEK Feb 19-25

MAIN IDEA

Minding your business.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

- 1. Take turns quickly sharing the "highs & lows" of your week. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?
- 2. What scripture did you meditate on last week? Did God reveal any areas where prayerlessness is impacting your relationship with God?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER)

10 min

In what area of your life are you most likely to say "mind your business" when someone tries to speak into it?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING)

35 min

- 1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11. Paul is asking us to mind our own business here, but does this mean we should not have concern for others? Find scripture to support your answer.
- 2. There are over 2,000 verses about money in the Bible. Why do you think there is more scripture on money than on things like prayer and faith?

- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:26 and 1 Chronicles 29:11-12. Why is it so hard to live as if everything we have comes from God? What personally holds you back from living this way?
- 4. Read Deuteronomy 8:17-18. How should this verse, along with the verses in question three, shape the way you view the things vou have?
- 5. In Deuteronomy 8, we are called to remember that God gives us that ability to produce wealth. How often do you remember to acknowledge God in times of abundance?
- 6. Read Mark 10:17-31. What did Jesus want this man to do? How often are we wanting the benefits of Jesus without any of the sacrifices? What does this look like in your life?
- 7. Read Matthew 6:25-27. What do these verses reveal about God's character? How should these verses encourage you to trust God in "vour business"?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION)

- 1. What would it look like to invite God into your business regarding money? Do you view yourself more as a manager of his resources or an owner?
- 2. What are some sacrifices you are willing to make to give Jesus the space to move in your life?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK)

5 min

Spend some time with God this week in prayer reflecting on the areas in your life where you are telling him to "mind your business" when it comes to resources. Use the scriptures above to ask God where change may need to be made.