

## **LIFE GROUP STUDY – Dr. Harley Ihm**

### **“Escaping the Debt Trap”**

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**Icebreaker:** If someone was able to look at your bank statement and see where all your money went, what would they say were the top three priorities in your life?

We have begun our look at the Debt Trap that we fall into so easily. Let's see what God's Word says about escaping the debt trap.

#### **An Encounter with the Word of God**

1. Read Matthew 9:35-37. People are harassed and helpless because they are not led by God's compassionate Word. Jesus prayed for people to go and lead the lost and confused to Him. How could finding Christ help us escape the debt trap?
  
2. Describe a time when you felt harassed and helpless from overwhelming debt you accumulated.
  
3. Read Proverbs 22:7. How are you a servant to someone you borrow money from?
  
4. How many hours per week do you work for yourself and your family? How many do you work for someone else?
  
5. Read Psalm 37:21. What actions does David say God attributes to the wicked and the righteous?
  
6. What do you think this passage says about the Christians responsibility toward debt?
  
7. Read Ecclesiastes 4:8-10. What caused the man's problems?
  
8. Falling down could mean physically but it could also mean to fall into the hands of those you owe because of your careless living. How could Christians help the foolish person?