



LIFE & LIFESTYLE CONVERSATION STARTERS

These are simple but revealing money moments—real life situations involving our money with underlying motives and messages guiding our choices, resulting in real consequences. Often I see couples who chose their lifestyle before they chose their life; bought their houses before they thought about their homes; and people who chose the pursuit of wealth and lost the pursuit of Christ. As you explore these moments, ask God to reveal himself to you.

- To what end are you working so hard, in your efforts to gain, what might you be losing?
- How much of your efforts are focused solely to yourself? How much to serving others?
- What message are you giving your children if you were to give them more things, but less time?
- What is your lifestyle communicating to your children about money?
- How would you rate your joy from a time when you may have had less, compared to now when you may have more?
- What do you own that you don't really need, and what is it costing you to keep it?
- If you chose to experiment, what would need to change if you were decrease your spending budget by 10%? 20%?
- What percentage of your spending is based on what you HAVE to pay, NEED to pay, or WANT to pay?
- If you could sell your house for a profit and purchase a smaller one, potentially simplifying your budget and creating more financial margin, would you do it? Why, or why not?
- To what extent are your financial decisions influenced by what others think? By what God thinks?
- What role does generosity and giving play in your financial plans?
- Write a prayer that encompasses your desire to want God and pursue God as you explore your money moments.