**Week 4**

**Group Discussion Questions**

**Leaders:** Please find below not only the group discussion questions for this week but also a summary of the major points from chapter one of The ABC’s of Financial Freedom and Doyle’s sermon for your convenience. Also, feel free to discuss anything else that came up in the workbook.

* One of Doyle’s points last weekend was “*God entrusts us with everything we have*.” What do you think God would say about the decisions you’re making with everything He has entrusted to you? (Leader: focus specifically on money here, but acknowledge that God has also entrusted us with time, gifts and talents, relationships [marriage, children, friendships, extended family, coworkers], etc.)
* Our actions/behavior reveal our trust in God. Doyle shared that the decision to “bring the whole tithe into the storehouse” - or not to do so - is a yes or no decision that reveals our trust in God with our finances (i.e. “Where your treasure is, your heart is also.”) What does this mean? How has this study challenged you/your family in this area? Have you decided to make any changes?
	+ If you’re saying, “No” to tithing right now, what’s stopping you?
	+ If you’ve recently committed to tithing, share what drove you to make this decision?
* On pages 99-104, the book lists tithing as one of seven strategies for getting out of debt, but also calls it the “master key” for getting out of debt (pg. 100). Why is this?
	+ Which of the other seven strategies resonates with or challenges you the most? (Trust God, Develop a Budget, Get out of Debt, Start Saving, Begin an Emergency Fund, Don’t Quit or Turn Back)
	+ Share a decision you’ve made in one of these areas.
* The book shares that when you make a decision to get out of debt at least three things will happen: you’ll get *discouraged*, you’ll get *distracted*, and there will be *detractors* (pgs. 94-95).
	+ For those who have made the decision to become debt-free, how can you reduce or eliminate the impact of these three things? What role could this life group play?
* Was there anything else you wanted to talk about tonight?

**Summary of This Week’s Teaching**

In The ABC’s of Financial Freedom the **“D” is for Decision**; we must decide to do things in God’s way in our finances and enjoy the security of obedience.

**A**ttitude: Acknowledge the sovereignty of God

**B**ondage: Be aware of and avoid the subtlety of debt

**C**hoice: Adopt the centrality of the tithe.

* God **ENTRUSTS** me with everything I have.
* God requires I **TRUST** Him with everything.
* My actions **REVEAL** my trust in God.