

# The Message Gathering

## God's Economy Session 1: Introduction

### **Economy Defined:**

The Wealth And Resources Of A Country Or Region, Especially In Terms Of The Production And Consumption Of Goods And Services.

### **How You Operate In God's Economy:**

Everything - From Salvation, To Healing, To Our Provision, Is Governed And Granted By Faith.

### **Romans 8:17a (NIV)**

Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ . . .

### **James 1:6-8 (NIV)**

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

### **James 4:2c-3 (NIV)**

You do not have, because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

### **Five Steps For Learning To Live In God's Economy:**

1. Stand Firm In The Faith
2. Submit To His Ways
3. Submit To His Will
4. Make Our Requests Known
5. Ask Without Doubting

## **God's Economy Brings Perpetual Provision For His Children.**

### **Psalm 37:25-26 (NIV)**

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. <sup>26</sup> They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

### **Today's Statement Of Truth:**

Those Who Believe, Trust, And Operate In God's Economy  
Will Never Have To Stress Over Building Wealth Or Providing For Themselves.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Today, What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- Share Some Differences That You Personally See Between The World's Economy And God's Economy.
- What Does The Statement "God's Economy Is Governed And Granted By Faith" Mean To You?
- Which Of The Two Economies - The World's Or God's - Do You Find Yourself Living In Most?
- As A Group Discuss The Dichotomy - To Live You Must Die, To Be First You Must Be Last, To Get You Must Give.
- Of The Five Steps For Learning To Live In God's Economy:
  - Stand Firm In The Faith
  - Submit To His Ways
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Which Are You Doing Best At, And Which One Is The Greatest Struggle?

- What Can You Personally Do This Week To Live More Fully In God's Economy?