Read: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 (NIV)

Lies that sound like truth…

Lie #1: All the church talks about is money.

Lie #2: If I had a little more, I'd be good.

"Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income." - Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

Lie #3: It’s my money and I can do whatever I want with it.

"The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." -Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." -Luke 12:20-21 (NIV)

Truths that sound like lies…

Truth #1: God is the One who determines how much money I have, not me.

"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth." -Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NIV)

"...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." -Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Truth #2: God has the power to turn off the blessings and income in my life.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." -Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

Truth #3: Giving to God is the only way out of my financial problems.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." -Luke 6:38 (NIV)

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." - 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)
**How to use Talk Sheets:**

Talk Sheets are designed to go along with the weekend lesson. You can use this guide on your own, with your family, or as a CARE Group. Keep in mind we study not so that we will “know” more, but so that we will “become” more like Christ.

Downloadable copies can be found at www.newhopecaregroups.com, under the Talk Sheets tab.

**Below are several tips to help you get started:**

1. **Begin your preparation with prayer:** Ask God to help you understand the study and apply it to your life.

2. **Get familiar with the study:** On your own, review the Weekend Lesson Notes. Complete the weekly reading from The ABC’s Book and / or The ABC’s Workbook and answer the questions. Familiarize yourself with the Bible passages. The more familiar you are with the material the easier it will be to lead discussion with a group. A good modern translation of the Bible, such as the New International Version with study notes, will give you the most help.

3. **Guide discussion:** As a group, plan to complete Week 1 of the Workbook during your group meeting the week of Jan. 11 - 17. Encourage group members to read in the book and the workbook prior to your group meeting. Talk through discussion questions one at a time. Be careful not to dominate the discussion or give all the answers. Instead, wait on group members to answer. Getting people talking is the key to a good discussion.

4. **Thank people for sharing:** Give group members your attention as they speak and tell them how much you appreciate their input.

5. **Get input from more than one person:** Feel free to ask the same question to more than one person.

6. **Move for application:** Discussions are designed to last 30-45 minutes. Be sure to end every study by asking, “What difference will this make in your life this week?”

**ABC’s SERIES discussion Guide:**

**HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THE ABC’S SERIES:**

- Purchase the ABC’s Material in the New Hope Bookstore.
  - *Workbook required only if you are in the ABC’s Core Class or completing it with your CARE Group.*
- Attend weekend sermon and take notes on your Listening Guide.
- Read one chapter in the book and complete homework each week.
- IF in the ABC’s Core Class or completing series with your CARE Group, then also review chapter in workbook and complete weekly homework prior to the class or group meeting.

**ABC’s HOMEWORK THIS WEEK:**

1. Read Introduction of the ABC’s book on page 19. Complete the following lists outlined in the Action Plan section of the Introduction:
   a) Wish list of all the things you’d like to do once you’re debt free.
   b) List of all the things you need to do in order to get debt free.

2. Read Chapter 1 of The ABC’s Book, pp. 21-43.


**CARE GROUP MEMBERS & CORE CLASS STUDENTS:**

a) START Week 1 of the Workbook with your CARE Group the week of Jan. 11-17, or in your Core Class the weekend of Jan. 10 & 11.

b) In preparation, please also read the Introduction on pg. 1 and look over Week 1 on pp. 5-9 of the Workbook prior to group or class.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

God, thank You for providing for me. Help me to recognize that EVERYTHING I have comes from You. Lord, please change my heart and my attitude about money and how I spend it. Give me the desire to honor You with my finances. I choose to trust in You Lord with all of my resources! In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.