

Dear Pastor,

I feel that many of the families in our community, and even our congregation, have many of the same time-management challenges that we do. Working full-time, managing a household, family time (and all the after-school activities that go along with that) command a majority of our waking hours. If my past is any indication of what others are doing then you would find the average American listening to secular radio on during commutes to work or the TV on in the background while making dinner. For many, Sunday is the only exposure to the Good News people have, and attendance isn't always 100%.

Would you agree that Life Groups are great way for people to get plugged-in to the church and in to the Word? Do you believe that it would be easier for someone to commit to getting together once a week for only 7 or 10 weeks? Do you agree that even spending two hours a week on any lesson based on Biblical scriptures is better than none?

Our community and even members of our congregation are hearing a constant stream of financial advice that is not based on Scripture. They are being led to the debt slaughter by people trying to sell them luxury items, how to indulge themselves, and teaching them that they "deserve a break today". Their message is as targeted as the sermon on Sunday, but it leverages its way into the background through musical lyrics, humorous commercials, and the news media.

Don't get me wrong, I don't have anything against nice stuff. What I do have a problem with is that this is the only message people are hearing, and they're hearing it 24/7.

I'm not asking for our church to teach more money principles from the pulpit - I believe all of you are doing a wonderful job on Sunday. I am asking that our Church offer a financial literacy class like Financial Peace University, the Legacy Journey, or the Crown Financial study program.

How can I help you inject two hours a week into our community?