



STUDY GUIDE

LIFEHOUSES: Week 4 5.18.14

[set up]

Do you have a LifeHouse story to share from this last week (breakthrough with neighbors, relational bridge built, etc)?

Have you had a time when someone generously blessed you financially or with other resources? How did that make you feel?

If you were handed a \$5,000 check to use on blessing your immediate neighbors, how would you use it? Maybe you don't have a \$5,000 check, but what do you have to be generous with?

[digging deeper]

Read Romans 13:7-10. What does it mean to "owe no one anything but love"? Especially when looking at the context and verses before and after verse 8?

Does that mean the Bible teaches us that debt is forbidden? (Ex. 22:25-27; Lev. 25:35-37; Deut. 15:7-11; Ps. 37:21, 26; Matt. 5:42, Luke 6:34,35)?

How is it that we would be indebted to owe anyone, especially neighbors & strangers, our love?

How will truly loving others like ourselves inevitably compel us to be more generous with our possessions and money?

When it comes to "owing no one anything", how does being in irresponsible and excessive debt prevent us from loving others well?

How can desiring to be more generous and positioned to bless others be an incredible motivator to reduce or eliminate debt?

How do the following verses help remind us and motivate us toward a tangible love for others? Matt. 6:19-21; Matt. 7:12; James 2:8; Acts 4:32-35; 1 Tim. 6:17-19 ; 1 John 3:17-18

Review the Investor section of our Fruit of New Life assessment through the lens of being a LifeHouse. What areas are you stronger in and what areas you still can grow in?

