

DISCUSSION GUIDE

INSULATION FROM BIDENFLATION Stand-Alone Sermon

ICEBREAKER: Do you remember jokes very well? What's the best joke you've heard recently?

OVERVIEW: It's no secret. The economy is not good. Many are calling this economic downturn "Bidenflation," blaming President Biden. Inflation is at a 40-year high. The stock-market is way down. Is there anything we can do to survive this economy? Yes! God has promised to provide for His people, and His promises never fail. However, there are some conditions that we must fulfill. We must do our part. That's what this study is all about. In this discussion we will go deeper with the conditions we must meet to inherit God's promise of provision.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is the worst economic situation you've ever faced in your life?
3. How has the current economy affected you and your family?
4. Sunday's sermon was about spiritual actions we can take to ensure that we are ready to receive God's provision. What are some non-spiritual, yet practical things we can do to survive tough economic times (such as spending less on Starbucks)?

5. Read Matthew 6:31-32.
 - a. What does this passage tell us NOT to do?
 - b. Verse 32 gives us two reasons not to worry. What are they?
 - c. Verse 34 mentions another reason not to worry. What is it?
 - d. What is the promise in this passage?
 - e. What is the condition in this passage?
6. Sunday's sermon was about four actions we can take to secure God's blessing on our finances. The first was to prioritize your relationship with God (see Mt 6:33). What does it mean to prioritize your relationship with God? Do you need to make any changes in your life to make God your top priority? Explain.
7. The second action is to repent of all known sin (see Proverbs 3:33). How does sin hurt us financially?
8. The third action to inherit God's promise of provision is to tithe (see Malachi 3:10-12). Is tithing easy or difficult for you? Explain.
9. The final action is generosity (see Proverbs 28:27). How can you grow in generosity?

The Last Word: "What you have is less important than what you do with what you have." Andy Stanley

