



## Film Three: Money and the Church

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This guide will help you to use the video for discussion and learning in a group. You'll simply need the video itself, access to a Bible and as much time for discussion as you want!

“This is a huge issue,” says the Archbishop of Canterbury at the start of this video. But don’t be put off! “A very simple approach can make a very big difference,” according to the Archbishop. In this session we think about how you and your group can begin to take action around some of the issues with credit, debt and money that you identify in your community. This session will help you think about how, as a church community, you can play your part in making that big difference.

### Watch:

Find the film ‘Money and the Church’ on: [www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk/resources/god-and-money](http://www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk/resources/god-and-money)

### Discuss:

Was there anything that stood out to you straight away? Was there an idea you wanted to find out more about? Was there an example which inspired you or a way in which the church has engaged which gave you hope?

### Read:

Luke 4:14-20 – Jesus speaks in Nazareth



### Questions:

- “Liberty to people who are in debt – It’s a Jesus ministry!” Do you agree with the Archbishop? Have you got a story of liberation from debt, however small, that you could share? Tell the group how you felt when the debt was cleared.
- “What’s going on?” Ask Marvin Gaye’s question for your community. Where are people struggling with credit and debt issues? If you don’t know, that’s OK – but commit to finding out!
- Would you feel comfortable telling your congregation how much you earn? If not, how could you bring more transparency to your financial life as a church?
- Are you cautious about speaking politically as a church? How can this be done well?
- How much do you know about mutuals, credit unions and other co-operatives? Could you find out more about these models of financial institution in your local area?

### Further reading:

- The Goodness of Creation: Exploring the Theological Politics of Laudato Si' by Dr Anna Rowlands: <http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2015/07/01/4265776.htm>
- Can greed be a good? By Stanley Hauerwas: <http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2010/06/09/2922773.htm>
- Eve Poole – Ethical Consumerism, booklet for the William Temple Foundation: <http://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Ethical-Consumerism-by-Eve-Poole- Temple-Tract.pdf>

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