## **Sermon-based Discussion Questions**

"Escaping Debt" from 7/26/2020 Proverbs 6:1-11

<u>SPOILER ALERT</u>: You may not want to read these until AFTER you have heard the sermon.

- 1. If you would feel comfortable, share about a time in your life when you went through a difficult financial time. How did God provide for you and teach you during that time?
- 2. What are some of the difficult things about being in a debt situation? What range of emotions might people go through from the time they acquire a debt until the time they finally get the debt resolved?
- 3. What might be some of the advantages to "never a borrower, nor a lender be"? If we do choose to borrow or lend, why do you think that it could be helpful to put that debt in writing?
- 4. How can we discern when it's time to hold someone responsible for their debt and when it's time to forgive it?
- 5. What advice would you give someone who has borrowed more debt than they can afford to repay? What advice would you give the lender to whom they owe this debt?
- 6. Try to give an example of how handling debt wisely could reveal the beauty of the gospel. How might handing debt poorly mar that beauty?
- 7. How can we help one another escape debt and honor God with our lending and borrowing practices? How can we pray for each other this week?