

Leading My Small Group Through FPU

Why should my group go through Financial Peace University (FPU)?

8 out of 10 people are struggling financially—living paycheck to paycheck, in debt, or unable to cover a \$1,000 emergency. Whether you know the financial state of your group or not, chances are 80% of them fall into this category. FPU provides practical "baby steps" that teach people how to turn their financial situation around, be good managers of what God has given them and start living with financial peace. By leading a group through FPU, you are providing a safe space where people can learn, grow, and be transparent about what's going on in their hearts and homes around finances.

Do I have to have attended FPU in the past to lead my group?

No. While having taken FPU in the past will provide you with awareness of the content and give you stories of how it's impacted you, it's not required. Many facilitators are going through the content for the first time along with their groups.

I am not a financial expert or I'm not debt free, can I still lead my group?

Yes! The most important things about facilitating a small group is being open, honest, and humble and being able to ask the provided questions and guide the discussion. Facilitators will often fall into two groups:

- 1. I've been there, and I want to share my experience and help others get to a healthy place or
- 2. I am in the same boat, but I want to make a change and we are in this together.

What is the cost for myself, as a facilitator?

You will get FREE facilitator (coordinator) access for one year to FPU Central Resources and a Facilitator Guide (the discussion questions w/ answers filled in + how to lead discussions).

What much does it cost for my group members to take FPU?

A membership costs \$69 and is required to complete FPU and includes the materials needed for the class. Only one membership is needed per household.

My group doesn't meet weekly, how do you recommend we participate?

You have a few options:

- 1. Choose to meet weekly for the 9-weeks.
- 2. Go through the 9 weeks at your own groups pace (i.e. bi-weekly).
- 3. During the off-weeks your group members could watch the lesson on their own.

What does a membership include?

Members will receive the following with their initial monthly membership activation: FPU workbook, month-to-month access to EveryDollar Plus, month-to-month of financialpeace.com access which includes all lesson video content, digital tools, Ask a Coach, vibrant online community, future content, and select livestream events.

Our FPU Memberships, both Annual and Monthly, also include on-going access to local FPU groups so you can attend a group as many times as you need.

\$69 includes 30-day access to FPU Central. For an additional \$10/month, you can continue a monthly subscription.

I heard the material has been updated. What if I have the previous 9-week curriculum?

The material has changed; it is still 9 weeks, however some of the videos are being re-done and the order of the content will be different. We recommend that you sign up and get the new materials for \$69. If you have a kit from last year, you can still use it; however just note that the content will not line up 100%.

How will each week work?

The FPU Facilitator Guide will walk you through each session, step by step. Each session includes a video teaching from Dave Ramsey (approx. 60 min), as well as activities and questions to go through. You'll have all the answers filled in, in your guide. Plan on 1.5 to 2 hours for each meeting.

When would FPU groups start?

On-site FPU groups start the week of January 21st. Start times are flexible for off-site groups, but we would recommend they start around the same time. Materials will be available mid-January.

How will we get the workbooks?

After you group registers, we will sort workbooks based upon campus and small group leaders. The leader will then pick up the workbooks at the campus for their group to distribute. This will happen in early January.

How will we view the sessions?

You can stream the videos through your FPU Central account online. If you don't have access to a Smart TV or computer to stream the content; contact your Pastor of Groups and they will provide you with a DVD set in January that you can borrow. *We will need the DVD's returned at the end of your 9 weeks.

Is there any training offered on how to facilitate FPU?

Yes. Whether you are a new facilitator, or you've led FPU groups before, the first FPU training will be on Sunday, October 28 at 2 pm at the White Bear Lake campus. Another training will be offered at your campus in early January. Please make it a priority to be at the October 28 training – special guest Dave Ramsey will also be there!

Sign up here for FPU Volunteer Training

How does our group sign up?

First, as the leader, fill out the FPU serving interest form indicating that you'd like to facilitate FPU in your own small group.

FPU Serving Interest Form

Then, have each group member register — Copy and paste the below information to communicate to your small group members and include any other information specific to your group (i.e. Exact start date, if you plan to meet weekly vs. bi-weekly, etc). The most important details to communicate are the cost of materials and the registration link.

Starting in mid-January, our whole church, including our group, is going to go through Financial Peace University together. Why? Because statistics show that 8 out of 10 people are living paycheck to paycheck and its tanking relationships and inhibiting God's work in our lives and communities. Regardless of the financial status of our group, we can all learn more and can encourage each other to take steps towards more peace and freedom. The cost for the class materials (includes a workbook and access to online resources) is \$69 per household. Please complete the registration form below by December 1, so that our materials can be ordered and delivered on time.

REGISTER HERE