

Week 4: The Vanity of Wealth

Date: October 3rd, 2021

Passage: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Small Group Discussion questions help us dig deeper, connecting Sunday's sermons with our everyday lives. These questions have been designed to help Small Groups grow in their relationship with God, with one another, and with their neighbors. Please know that these questions are meant to be a resource to you. You do not have to follow them verbatim or get through them all. Use these questions in the way that best serves your Small Group.

1. **Read** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
2. What stood out to you from the sermon and this passage? What challenged you? Encouraged you?
3. Do you find it easy or difficult to talk about money?
4. **Read** Luke 12:13-15 - Discuss
5. Many people are surprised to find that Jesus talks often about money. In fact he wants people to "*be on guard*" lest they cave into greed. If Jesus warned about the danger of greed, why do so many of us never worry we are guilty of it?
6. **Read** 1 Timothy 6:10 - Discuss
7. Do you agree, "more money, more problems?" Why or why not?
8. G. K. Chesterton said, "*There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.*" Agree? Disagree? Why or why not?
9. A major antidote to materialism & consumerism is contentment. How would you define contentment?
10. If contentment really is a Biblical virtue, then how can we pursue it while not simultaneously becoming lazy or indifferent?
11. **Read** Philippians 4:10-13 - Discuss
12. How can we take steps in order to learn more about contentment, and grow in our generosity?

Pray: Thank God for giving you every good thing you have. Ask God to show you how to be more generous. Ask God to forgive you when you are not content. Ask God to help you find strength in Jesus to endure any situation.