

Welcome Your World LifeGroup Leader Guide

Take New Steps of Faith on Our Adventure With God

Session #3

From Coveting to
Contentment So That We
Live and Spend Wisely

Key Point: We are people who want what we don't have. By God's grace, we can follow Jesus out of the trap of always wanting more to be content in our present circumstances.

Key Scripture: True godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 1 Timothy 6:6 NLT

Leader preparation:

- * Review main points from Session 2 and be prepared to recap
- * Review next steps from session 2 from "this week" for discussion
- * Read chapter 3 of True Riches book
- * Watch video session 3
- * Pray daily for your group members

Welcome And What To Expect:

1. Introduce session
2. Go over any group housekeeping
3. Review Session 2 of Welcome Your World: An Invitation to a Journey of Faith Together

Last week we learned that as we see God as our source and provider, we can turn from pride to gratitude.

One part of our homework was to practice daily gratitude. (Leader shares his or her experience with this).

How did this go for you and did you notice what changes you experienced in regard to your perspective on what you earn and own?

Open In Prayer

Let's Connect:

Briefly share about the first car you owned and anything you remember about it.

(Leader shares first. You may want to break into smaller groups to answer this. Example: My first car was a graduation gift from my dad. It was a bright yellow Volkswagen Rabbit. It had no air conditioning and I was living in Oklahoma....)

Watch Video:

Pastor Jason will help us jump into the topic of moving from covetousness to contentment. Be sure to take notes and write down anything that stands out to you.



Group discussion questions:

1. This video addresses the issue of covetousness. This is not a commonly used term today. Based on Pastor Jason's teaching, how would you define it?

2. Covetousness is a heart sin that is addressed in the ten commandments. Practically speaking, In what ways does covetousness in our hearts battle against our personal contentment?

3. "Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered away from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT

What truths can you find in this passage that can help lead you out of always wanting more?

4. Pastor Jason names two actions we can take to break us free from covetousness and help us find contentment: create margin in our finances by budgeting and determining what is enough. Pastor Jason says, "The point of setting a limit is recognizing that we need a guardrail against constant lifestyle upgrades because we are going after joyful, grace-filled simplicity."

Discuss creating margin and deciding what is enough. In what ways will they enable you to find contentment?

5. Biblical stewardship is not a thriftiness competition. A move toward margin, limits and simplicity is not a set up for judging others or self-righteousness. In light of all this, why is a "poverty mindset" personally and in the plans of God's church contrary to scripture?

Personal Application:

Honestly and prayerfully ask yourself, in what areas of my life, do I believe "if I had more, I'd be happy?" Write down one area of your life where you think you believe this.

This Week:

1. Take action by creating margin by beginning work on a budget.

2. Think about what is enough when it comes to income.

3. Welcome Your World is all about reaching our neighbors with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. In a posture of worship, begin praying daily about what God would have you give financially to Welcome Your World.

Memory Verse:

"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give." Proverbs 21:26

Prayer:

Lead your group in a short time of prayer for Victory Church and the expansion of impact on our world.

Pray as a group that the biblical teachings of Welcome Your World will transform our hearts and lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Next week:

God's remedy for anxiety over our needs.

Close in Prayer

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