

Welcome Your World LifeGroup Leader Guide

Take New Steps of Faith on Our Adventure With God

Session #5

From Indifference to Love
So That We Give
Extravagantly

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Leader preparation:

- * Review main points from Session 4 and be prepared to recap
- * Review next steps from session 4 from "this week" for discussion
- * Read chapter 5 of True Riches book
- * Watch video session 5
- * Pray daily for your group members

Welcome And What To Expect:

1. Introduce session
2. Go over any group housekeeping
3. Review of Session 4: Anxiety to Trust

Last week we looked at how we naturally tend to worry about the physical needs in our lives. Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount challenge each of us to trust him instead and believe he loves and cares for us enough and is delighted to meet our needs. This happens as we lay down our worry and seek him and his priorities first.

In what ways did anyone experience greater trust in God as you faced needs this past week?

Open In Prayer

Let's Connect:

As a group, make a list of the things that God really cares about. How have you been involved at Victory Church or seen Victory Church act in helping to answer this need?

Watch Video:

Pastor Lisa will challenge our hearts today to move from indifference to God's concerns to love. Take notes and write down things that stand out to you.

Group Discussion:

1. In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), we see a wealthy man indifferent to the needs of his neighbor. What heart problems was Jesus exposing through this story?
2. How does the story of the rich man and Lazarus relate to our lives?
3. The Rich man's indifference was closely tied to his relationship to his money and possessions. What is the answer to our indifference to the things God cares deeply about?

Group discussion questions contd.

4. Pastor Lisa mentions that frequently, when the subject of financial giving is raised, many Christians immediately share how they tithe their time or they serve, equating this to financial giving. Noting the 2,000-plus scriptures on our money and possessions, and what we've learned in this study so far, what might you say to someone who believes he or she can serve instead of giving?

5. In the video, Pastor Lisa shared 3 of God's priorities:

Mercy and Justice and serving the poor

Caring for, strengthening, and equipping God's people through the local church

The Great Commission, reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus

Victory Church is actively pursuing these priorities. In what way has your life been blessed in any of these areas through Victory Church?

6. In the book, True Riches, the authors state: "My heart is often cold and indifferent to others. But giving is like a seed planted in the barren soil of indifference. If we plant in faith, love will begin to grow and displace our indifference." How does this inform the way we see the connection between our indifference, giving, and love?

Personal Application:

1. Think of a neighbor, a co-worker, a classmate, or friend who is without hope. How deeply do you think God cares about his or her salvation? Pray by name now for that person.

2. "We assume," states the authors of True Riches, "that we should give to things that we care about deeply. Rather, we should give to things because God cares about them deeply. Giving often begins as an obedient act of faith before it blossoms into joyful love over time." How does this statement affect your thoughts about giving to Welcome Your World?

This Week:

Prayerfully ask yourself if you are ready to be all in for God's work through Victory Church? Are you willing to allow God to reshape your heart and move you from indifference to love through your obedient and faith-filled giving to Welcome Your World?

Pray every day this week for Victory Church's mission in the greater Philadelphia area. Ask him to use you!

Memory Verse:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:18 and 19

Next Week:

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Prayer:

Have group members pray for one another in smaller groups or by passing names and prayer requests.

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