

Road Trip | 1 Timothy 6:3-21 July 6th and 7th, 2024

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion.

- 1) Has there been a time you had very little money? What sacrifices did you make?
- 2) Has someone been generous to you? How did that feel?

Study Questions

Complete these questions for your own personal preparation to lead, but choose only some to discuss.

Big idea: A faith filled community finds contentment in Christ

Warm up- This letter calls the church to godliness and away from false teaching.

Why would greed be an important warning to close the letter?

Live It Out - Was there a question that made you really wrestle this week?

Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10 Greed leads to ruin

- 1) What statements of truth are most helpful to you in this section?
- 2) The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. How have you seen people plunge to ruin to get rich or look rich? How does it stress marriage or other relationships?
- 3) What warnings do you see in this passage? How can you take action to protect against greed?

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-16 The antidote to greed is contentment

- 4) Paul contrasts the life of greed with remembering the “good confession”. What do you think he means by this? What did Jesus say to Pilate that might relate? (John 18:33-19:11)
- 5) Eternal life starts at conversion not at death. How does it help you to think of it as a quality of life rather than a quantity of life?
- 6) Which of the descriptions of God in this passage do you find most compelling today? How do they create contentment in your heart?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-21 Contentment is found as we connect to Jesus

- 7) What right thinking can lead people away from greed and toward contentment? (Also see Phillippians 4:10-13, Matthew 6:19-21, 30-33)
- 8) What events or situations in your life have helped instill right thinking about money?
- 9) Having money is a good thing. What are those with means supposed to do with the money God has entrusted to them?
- 10) How does arrogance about having money slip into our thinking? What can we do to change? (Deuteronomy 8:17-18, I Chronicles 29:12)
- 11) What actions can you take to apply this passage to your life?
- 12) What have you learned about God that will change how you relate with Him?

Responding to Jesus

Offer one of these for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God’s voice.

- 1) Ask Jesus, “What is stealing my contentment? What would help me be more content?”
- 2) Ask Jesus, “What one quality of yours can I use to worship you this week?”