



Discussion Guide

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Discussion Questions	Leader Notes
<p>When the Possessor of Heaven and Earth brought you into being and placed you in this world, He placed you here not as owner but as steward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-John Wesley</p> <p>According to financial guru Ron Blue the mindset to have toward wealth is the "use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals."</p>	<p>Helpful Hint: Get people involved in the discussion by asking non-threatening questions that will engage the whole group.</p>
<p>Discussion Kick Off</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poll your group to answer this question. How much does it take to be considered rich in your community? 2. Has there been something in your life, recently or when you were growing up that you REALLY wanted and you saved, begged, etc., to get it? After possessing it for only a short while, it lost its luster and you lost interest in it? 	<p><i>Here's one Philosophy: "Get all you can; can all you get; then sit on the can."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Anonymous</p>
<p>Evaluate It</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who should "weep and wail?" Why? 2. What does it mean to live in "luxury and indulgence?" What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lay ahead for rich people? 3. What are the results of self-indulgence? 4. What are some of the influences that blind people to the ultimate worthlessness of material possessions? 5. Is money itself evil? If not, why is it an issue that is repeatedly addressed in scripture (Hint: 1 Timothy 6:10)? 	<p>Read James 5:1-6. Make it more interesting by reading from the Message version (free on the You Version Bible App).</p>
<p>Make It Personal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what ways are you investing time and money in things that are not really worth much from an eternal perspective? How are you investing time and money in things that DO matter and hold great eternal value? 2. Chris talked about Big Green Monsters. Which Big Green Monster haunts you the most? Why? What can you do to get the monster off your back? 3. What can you do to cultivate an attitude of contentment, thankfulness and giving? 	
<p>Possession Perspective</p> <p>Leslie Hindman has served as president of the Midwest's premier auction firm. Her world is one of Van Gogh paintings and black lacquered desks that sell for tens of thousands of dollars. Nevertheless, her career has made material things one of the least of her priorities. "I see people fighting about their stuff all the time," she says. "You realize life is not about possessions." "A few experiences early in Hindman's career helped to cinch her disdain for material things," says writer Adrienne Fawcett in the Chicago Tribune. "Once, she was hired to hold an auction in the modest home of a suburban family whose mother recently had died. As Hindman held court, the siblings bid against each other for their mother's humble possessions, scarcely exchanging a word." Another experience she will never get over was finding "a lifetime of diaries in the apartment of an elderly Oak Park woman who saved everything but had no children to whom to leave her things. Hindman tried to donate the diaries to historical societies, but none wanted them. She saved them for a couple of years but finally threw them out. So, she says emphatically, "I save absolutely nothing." After all is said and done, the true value of possessions is clearly seen.</p>	<p>At the end of the discussion take a moment to take prayer requests from the group (if you haven't done so) and pray for your group before you end your time together.</p>

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table or life group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a table or life group? Leadership can be shared or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
 - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
 - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or jason@fcctown.com.

If you would like to talk with a minister,
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