



Winter Quarter - Week 2 Community Group Leader Lesson Plan (Abbotsford)

Jan 22 - 28, 2017

Open in Prayer

Weekend Sermon Discussion:

What stuck out to you as you listened to the sermon?

What were the main points of the sermon this past weekend?

Title of Sermon: Countering Poor Teaching on Riches

Passage: 1 Timothy 6:6-10 NIV

Introductory Questions:

1. What kind of experience do you have with the prosperity gospel? Your understanding of it? Is it Dangerous, does it fall in line with the bible's teaching on money or where is it out of sync with the Bible?
2. What are some of the names of teachers who you have struggled with their teaching on money? How have you struggled with their teaching?

Point 1 - Money is fleeting

Biblical Ref: 1 Tim 6:6-7, Luke 12:16-21

1. Read Luke 12:13-21 - story of the rich fool.
 - a. Where did he get it wrong?
 - b. What does God accuse him of?
2. What's the difference between storing things up for ourselves and being rich towards God? What does it look like to be rich towards God? (Hint: Luke 12:32-33)

Point 2 - Contentment is Simple

Biblical Ref: 1 Tim 6:6-8, Luke 12:22-31

1. Reread 1 Tim 6:8
 - a. Do you find the simple description of what ought to make us content shocking? If so, why? If not, why not?
 - b. What societal factors push us to think differently? Can you name memorable advertisements? (TV or otherwise) What are the most unbelievable claims made in ads? What kind of impact does "new and improved" have on your desire for a thing? How does constant exposure to advertising influence what you want?
 - c. Do people in other poorer cultures seem more or less content? Why or why not?



Point 3 - Loving Money is foolish

Biblical Ref: 1 Tim 6:9-10, Psalm 73:25-26, Luke 12:32-34

1. Read 1 Tim 6:9-10
 - a. What are the dangers of loving money listed in this passage? What does it look like to love money?
 - b. The one who loves money is standing on the edge of a minefield littered with the remains of others who have been destroyed. What justifications do we use, or how do we rationalize the ways we will get through the minefield without being destroyed?
2. Read Luke 12:32-34 - How do you know where your treasure is? What kinds of practical things can you put in your life to deaden your love of money and grow in your richness towards God?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group?

Pray for each other along with other requests.

Wrap up - (final group reminders)

Benediction - Philippians 4:19-20 NIV

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”