

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part I: Greed & Generosity

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Icebreaker: What is one example of greed you see today? What is the most recent example of generosity you've witnessed?

1) Read and discuss the following quote in light of the situations described in Matthew 23:25 and Luke 11:39. What is your big takeaway from these three sources?

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2) What were the three specific "seeds of greed" identified this past Sunday? (hint: they all start with the letter "S")

- the belief that having more will make us happy: _____
- the misunderstanding that our self-worth is connected to our net-worth: ______
- the lie that somehow the more you have will make and keep you safe: ______

And of those three, which one do you currently struggle with the most and why?

3) Why do people rob others? Could it because their own sense of satisfaction, significance, and/or security is somehow threatened? What does God's Word in Malachi 3:8-11 have to say about this? How might "tithes and offerings" be weapons against greed?

4) With the main passage (Luke 12:13-21) from this Sunday in mind, read and discuss the next passage, Luke 12:22-34. How is the Spirit of God speaking to you through His Word here? What practical faith step is God asking you to take toward Himself and His purposes?

5) Read I Timothy 6:6-10 aloud. How do you see "contentment" also being a weapon against greed?