



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 4: *Envy & Gratitude*

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Icebreaker: “EVERYONE has a pair of Palesi shoes!” Have you got yours? ;-) What’s the silliest thing you’ve been envious of recently?

1) Envy often starts as *discontentment* because you lack something and then turns to *resentment* towards those who have what you desire. Share why and how you think this might be a destructive (even deadly) path.



2) What do the following passages reveal about ENVY and how do you see them applying to the “3 Phases of Salvation”?

- Psalm 37:1-3
- James 3:14-16
- 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Proverbs 23:17-18
- Galatians 5:19-21
- 1 Peter 2:1-2

3) Why is it so difficult to admit we are envious?

4) Read Ecclesiastes 6:9, 2 Corinthians 10:12 and Philippians 4:11 aloud as a group. Then discuss the place of gratitude and contentment in the battle against envy. Why do you suppose those two antidotes are so helpful?

5) The combination of Genesis 1:28-31; 2:15-17; 3:1-7 provide a fascinating perspective on the place of envy ... *in Paradise*. Discuss. What is the “one tree” God is not allowing you to have? What is the lesson there?

6) Of the three major points from the most recent message (partially provided below), which one do you struggle with the most and why? What can be done to reverse the course in that specific area?

- Remember God’s _____ goodness.
- Acknowledge God’s _____ provisions.
- Hold onto God’s promises for _____.

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