LifeGroup Questions Based on: Ecclesiastes 5:10 August 18, 2019

Overview

How much is enough? What does it mean to be content? These are questions that pertain to several areas of our lives and not just our finances. We can be discontent in our jobs. We can be discontent in our relationships. The Declaration of Independence states every American has the right to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." This pursuit of happiness has driven many of us to focus our lives on getting more. We have an unquenchable desire for more, because more in the American mind equals happiness. Too often the question we base life decisions on is "will this make me happy?" instead of "will this honor God?"

For the next several weeks we will be discussing the topic of money. Jesus spoke more on this topic than on any other one in His ministry. Why? Jesus knew that how we treated our finances is a barometer of our hearts. Jesus said you cannot have two masters. You will love the one and hate the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Does this make money evil? Absolutely not. It is your attitude toward money that determines its purpose.

This makes how you handle your finances more than just a stewardship question. Because it is a gauge of your heart, how you handle your finances becomes a spiritual question. Being rich or poor doesn't determine your spiritual health. How you treat your finances is a reflection of your faith. Take the narrow road and follow God with all you have.

Bible Study: Ecclesiastes 5:10

- 1. Why do you believe Jesus discussed money more than any other topic?
- 2. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10. What is the danger in wanting more?
- 3. Read Matthew 6:24. How can your finances become your master?
- 4. Why does talking about finances have such a bad reputation in the church? Non-believers think the church is always after their money. What can the church do to dispel this belief?
- 5. How does where you spend your money determine what is important to you?

- 6. Are your finances a reflection of your faith? Why or why not?
- 7. It takes money to survive. If Jesus were to go over your monthly budget with you, what changes would He want you to make?