

Small Group Discussion Guide

October 28th & 29th, 2017

God, Money and Me

The Illusion

Talk by Dan Arnold

Welcome

- Let's be honest, most people get uncomfortable when we talk about money in church. Why do you think that is?
- If you are being honest with the group, where is your level of discomfort at the beginning of this series?
- This week we are looking at the illusion: "If I only had more _____, I would be happy." What is the "more" that you've regularly been seeking after? How has that quest been going for you?

Word

1. Read Matthew 6:9-21. We didn't discuss it too much, but what stands out to you about Jesus' words here?
2. Read Philippians 4:10-13. What are some of the underlying ideas about contentment that Paul points out? What ideas from the weekend's message hit you?
3. Read Philippians 4:4-9. Dan suggested that the central idea of contentment is: eyes fixed on Jesus lead to a soul released to freedom. Paul suggests three moves that we can make to move closer to having our eyes fixed on Jesus and finding our deep soul contentment. Discuss the moves of worship, prayer, and meditation.

Weave

- Of the three moves Dan discussed which is hardest for you? Which comes most naturally?
- How do you see these three moves affecting your contentment?
- Are there any practical ways you could take a step or two towards contentment this week?