

Week 1: OK With Less

Main Idea: We live in a world that tells us we need more, but when we learn to be Okay with less, we always have more

Bible Verses to Read:

Luke 12:15: *Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."*

Philippians 4:11-13: *I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

1 John 3:16-18: *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

- Think about what you know about greed and generosity. How would you define a greedy person? How would you define a generous person?
- During the message, we mentioned: "With greed, the more I **gain** the less I **have**". When it comes to getting "more", that chase can often leave us unfulfilled. Why do you think that is? Have you ever felt this?
- Read Philippians 4:11-13. The Apostle Paul explains to be content in every circumstance. How would you define contentment? Why do you think fostering contentment can be a powerful tool to overcome greed?
- Read 1 John 3:16-18. Consider the example of Jesus. How do you think Jesus inspires us to live generous lives for others?
- During the message we mentioned, "If God has given you more than **you** need, could it be so you can be a blessing to someone **in** need?". Do you agree? Do you think God might be calling you to be generous with what you have?

FINAL THOUGHT: This week, think about what might be keeping you from being generous. Is it fear, or pride, or security? What is your next step to becoming more generous?