



Life Group Questions

Sins of Suburbia | Week 1: Comparison“

John 21:18-22, Luke 18:9-14, Matthew 25:14-30, 2 Cor. 5:20 || October 9, 2022

1. What kinds of things come to mind when you hear the series title, “Sins of Suburbia?”
 - a. What other topics do you think we’ll cover in this series?
 - b. Why might those be important for a Jesus follower?
2. How have you struggled with comparison in your life?
 - a. Materially? Spiritually?
 - b. Do you find yourself more often comparing yourself to those in the church or outside? Why?
3. In John 21, why do you think Jesus seems to respond to Peter harshly? In other words, why do you think it rightly bothers Jesus *that* much that Peter is comparing himself to John?
4. What do you find most striking in the Luke 18 passage?
5. In the Matthew 25 passage of the parable of the talents, spend a few moments recapping the two points we made on that passage.
 - a. **God gifts people differently, according to their abilities (v.15).**
 - b. **God rewards faithfulness the same. (v. 21, 23)**
 - c. What does this passage and these truths teach us about how God expects us to live?
 - d. How are these truths both encouraging and challenging?
6. The practical how-to’s this week were:
 - a. **Count your blessings**
 - i. Start with 1 on Monday, 2 on Tuesday, etc. How’s that going? If you haven’t done it yet, spend time doing it as a group and offer them as prayers of thanks to God.
 - b. **Give something away**
7. How might knowing who we are in Christ (2 Cor. 5:20) help us combat the comparison game in our lives?