



PART TWO: GREED, GLUTTONY, AND LUST

Greed, gluttony, and lust are 3 spiders that can hold us back from God's best because they amplify our worst. Many of us walk through life trying to satisfy our desires and cravings at every turn. What if real peace, contentment, and fulfillment came from living for someone and something greater?

BIG IDEA: Following Jesus isn't about satisfying yourself, it's about dying to yourself.

Spider = An agreement you have made with a lie

Cobweb = A "medication" that brings false comfort to a lie

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one food that you just can't get enough of? When was the last time you binged something? Why did you binge/gorge yourself? How did you feel afterward?
2. God calls us to be generous with our time, our talents and treasures. What are some symptoms of greed? What do these symptoms indicate about what is going on in our hearts?
3. What does being generous demonstrate? How can generosity combat greed?
4. With your Bible or Bible App, read Luke 12:15-21

"Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." 16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

Luke 12:15-21 (NLT)

5. What jumps out to you in those verses? How does this passage connect with greed, gluttony, and lust?
6. With your Bible or Bible App, read 1 Corinthians 6:12

You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NLT)

7. What is the purpose of the body God has given us? What should our response to lust be?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Jesus didn't die on the cross so we could cope. He died and rose for our freedom. How can we as a group support each other this week as we choose to hunt down and kill the spiders of greed, gluttony, and lust that are holding us back?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

Kill the Spider

