

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

A JOURNEY THROUGH GENESIS

Too Much of a Good Thing: Week 8

▪Introduction (Read aloud before discussion)

Money is such a good thing. But, we tend to think that it could give us life ... so we need more and more for ourselves. However, there are symptoms to that lifestyle and God wants to not only meet our needs but to give us life and set us free from the love of money!

▪Sermon Discussion (Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud)

1. Why do we like money?
2. *Read Genesis 2:11-12.* (This is before human sin and rebellion.) Talk about how and why money is good.
3. There is a problem: we tend to think that money will give us life and allow us to have everything we could ever want. Why do we believe that too much of this good thing will actually give us life?
4. *Read Genesis 28:20-22.* Read closely. Notice the “if ... then” contract language. Why did Jacob (and why do we) set up a contract with God when it comes to money? How does a contract keep us in control?
5. *Read Genesis 31:40.* These are some symptoms of chasing money or possession or accomplishment. Have you seen similar symptoms in your life, or the life of others, as a result of the love of money?
6. Travis said that the best way to get free from the idol of money and stuff is to give away quite a bit of it. Do you agree? What might that look like and what might the first step be

▪Ministry Time (Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”)

What from the sermon or from group discussion challenged or encouraged you? Spend time praying for each other about that and anything else that comes to mind.

▪**Spiritual Formation (This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.)**

What has your fast taught you about your heart and desires? What types of things do you run to in times of discomfort or pain? Remember, when you practice the fast, be sure to replace the time you normally would with the good thing you're fasting from with time spent in prayer or reflection on what the Holy Spirit is teaching you by fasting.

▪**Daily Reading (Tune into the daily "Together On Mission" podcast, and let's start every day with Jesus.)**

MON

Ruth 4:1-8 | Psalm 35

TUES

Ruth 4:9-10 | Psalm 36

WED

Ruth 4:13-16 | Psalm 37

THUR

Ruth 4:17-22 | Psalm 38

FRI

Luke 14:25-35 | Psalm 39

SAT

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage, and enjoy!