

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

What if contentment had less to do on how much we have and more to do with **whom** we belong to?

GETTING STARTED

1. What do you look back on as the happiest days of your life? Why do you think they were that good?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Hebrews 13:5. How can we guard ourselves from falling in love with money? Are there any areas of your life with which you are not content? If so, share. Describe the environment in which you are most content.
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:5-10. What is the root of evil (vs. 10)? What happens to people who seek riches (vs. 9)? What should we seek in life (vs. 6)? How have you seen this struggle play out around you? Share some steps you've taken to overcome love of money.
4. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Paul writes that he's "learned the secret of being content", what is his answer (vs. 13)? How does his answer give you strength in your current situation? What circumstances are you facing in which you need Christ's strength? Pray for each other.
5. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What happens to the earthly treasures one might acquire? If you were to do a heart check, what value would you place on your treasures? What happens to us if we try to serve two masters (vs. 24)? How can we avoid being anxious about money?

NEXT STEPS

6. Below are some ideas to help find contentment in Jesus. (Choose one to apply to your life this week.)
 - a. Practice gratitude for what you have.
 - b. Set a period of time to fast from buying anything.
 - c. Examine areas of fear with honest evaluation from a friend.
 - d. Implement Paul's secret of contentment by trusting your life to Jesus.