Do Over The Greatest Gain (Wk. 2)

LifeGroup Notes



Main Idea

Great gain is when you become more aware of what others need, and less aware of what you wish you had.

Key Scriptures

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:6-11 NIV

Key Definitions:

- Discontentment your dissatisfaction with what you have.
- Awareness your knowledge of what others have.

Feeding your awareness of what you don't have, fuels your discontent.

Additional Scripture:

Start talking.

- What are the top three material things you wish you had?
- How does TV, print media, and social media impact your awareness of the things you don't have?

Start thinking.

- Read Luke 15:11-32.
- What led the younger son to ask for his inheritance?
- What might he been aware of that may have influenced that decision?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11.
- What is the "equation" that leads to great gain?
- Describe some of the "many griefs" endured by those eager for money.

Start sharing.

- What are common obstacles to contentment for you?
- How does raising the bar on "godliness" in your life positively impact your choices with your finances?
- How have you been trapped by the desire for more stuff/money?
- Describe what it would look like to "flee from all this" in regards to your past history handling finances.

Start doing.

- What media platform (print, TV, social media, etc.) will you avoid this week?
- How will you raise your awareness of what others need?
- What would change about how you spend your money if you elevate your awareness of the needs of others?
- Pick one of the "pursuits" from verse 11 and share how you will tangibly chase after it this week.

Closing prayer.

Dear Jesus, teach me to honor you and the needs of others with my finances. Help me to flee from the overwhelming desire to acquire and accumulate more and more. Show me the needs of those around me and impress upon me the ways I can help meet those needs. I commit to pursue you and a life lived in submission to your will and your ways with my finances.