

SERMON: Growing By Contentment and Giving
SERIES: Growing in Grace
SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

January 27, 2019

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Seeking Contentment
- II. Discontentment and the Danger of Money
- III. The Joy of Generous Living

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. What does our passage (especially 6:17-19) teach us about God? What is his desire for us? What has he done for us?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8. How is contentment described here? Why is contentment such an important part of true godliness?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10 and Luke 12:15. What are the dangers of discontentment and greed? Where in your life do you feel discontentment? Where might greed be creeping into your life? (Or, as Pastor Mark put it in the sermon, where might your hope be migrating toward your possessions?)
4. Read Hebrews 13:15. This verse contains a promise (indicative) and a command (imperative). What is the promise? What is the command? How are these connected in our hearts?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. How does Jesus' giving of his life for us allow us to obey 1 Timothy 6:17-19? How does increased generosity break the control of greed in our lives?
6. Pray: How can you honor God? What do you need to confess? How can you express thankfulness to Christ? What promises can you claim? What commitments can you make?