

More Is Never Enough | Week 5

Introduction

Greed whispers "I owe me" and blinds us to the abundance we already have, creating an endless hunger for more. Freedom comes when we shift from asking "What else can I get?" to "Why do I have so much?", transforming greed into gratitude and opening our hearts to generosity.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- If you suddenly received an unexpected \$1,000 gift with no strings attached, what would be your first impulse about how to use it?
- How have you experienced God's provision in your life recently? How did you respond to that provision?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Watch the Video (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

- 1. What is something you are really grateful for?
- 2. Think about a time when getting something you really wanted didn't satisfy you for as long as you thought it would. What was that experience like?
- 3. In what ways is greed fueled by fear?
- 4. Read Luke 12:13-21.
 - What was the fundamental mistake of the rich man in this parable?
 - O How does Jesus define what makes someone 'rich toward God'?
 - In what ways are you 'rich toward God' and in what ways would you like to be richer?
- 5. Why can greed never be conquered by having more money?
- 6. Freedom comes as we shift from asking "What else can I get?" to "Why do I have so much?" How would you respond to the question, "Why do I have so much?"
- 7. Is there a specific area in your life where greed has a foothold? What is one action you can take this week to begin replacing greed with gratitude in that area?

Prayer (5 minutes)

God, forgive us for the times we've been focused on what we lack rather than grateful for what we have. Open our eyes to see the abundance you've already provided in our lives. Free us from the lie that we need more to be happy or secure. Help us to hold our possessions with open hands, ready to share with others as you lead. Transform our hearts from greed to

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A Change of Heart Group Notes



gratitude, from hoarding to generosity. Show us specific ways we can use what you've given us to bless others and advance your kingdom. Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- If you are interested in learning more about how to read, interpret, and apply Scripture, we invite you to check out Sun Valley University. Our next course, Theology, begins Tuesday, July 8. Check out svu.sv.cc for more information.
- This will be our last series with group notes for the semester. Group notes will end the week of June 1 and will resume the week of August 11.
- Start planning a couple of times for your group to connect over the summer. One social
 and one service gathering is a good guideline. Check our <u>Serve Your Community page</u>
 for some ways to serve together!

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