

MAIN POINT

God has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives. Sometimes greed can take that focus from us or distract us from that purpose. We have a race that is set before us and we can either run it well or allow “stuff” to burden us, weigh us down so that we become ineffective, or worse... irrelevant to God’s plans.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GREED

- 1) No one thinks it is in their own life
- 2) It’s not always about money

As you get into this week’s group, Discussion topic 1: talk about the areas that greed can manifest itself that maybe isn’t as glaring as money.

Watch out “He said to himself”... Life is much easier when you have good counsel. Who in your lives do you have that is willing to and has the right to give you good counsel?

We need an understanding of what matters most

- If in the first question we looked at what forms greed could take, Question 2 is now about what options SHOULD we desire in our lives. What is the purpose of our prosperity?

Let go of what doesn’t matter (Heb 12:1)

The writer mentions that we are to cast off

- 1) Things that hinder our relationship with God
- 2) The sin that entangles us.

Discussion question 3: We have a purpose in this life... God has given us a race to run, what extra stuff have you taken on yourself that needs to be cast off so you might run your race more effectively? Be frank and honest with your group, so they might give you “good counsel”.

Fight for what does matter (Neh 4:14)

Pastor Roman mentioned Nehemiah’s charge to be willing to FIGHT! We cannot merely go from day to day, passionless and apathetic. Discussion question 4: what are you going to fight for? Be specific. HOW will you accomplish that? Talk about tangible steps.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Matt 22:37-40

Love God and love others Matt 22:37-40

You were created for more! Embrace a life that is rich towards God and loving others. It is a liberation. Take the things that you’ve discussed today and draw up a battle plan. Write them down and pray through them each morning. Each person, take a few minutes to write out those values, those desires that you have for your life. Get there on purpose.

