



MAKE WISE CHOICES

Week Three | Courageous Contentment - What Now? | 06.11-12.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: We all believe things that aren't true, but we are given a good and helpful framework from the book of Proverbs that shows the importance of the right source of wisdom and the true cost of ignoring it. Wisdom is an investment that keeps giving returns; foolishness is a tax that you never stop paying and it never gives you anything you want to keep.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is something that you own, but the upkeep and payments seem to own you?
- Digging Deeper: How do greed, lust and doubt turn our hearts away from God and help us focus on our perceived lack?

» Observation | Read Genesis 3:1-7; Proverbs 16:8, 28:25; Matthew 4:1-10; John 4:13-14

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | When we're content we might have less but it's actually more.

(12 minutes)

- What is something that you own, but the upkeep and payments seem to own you?
- What freedom can be found in the pursuit of less?

» Distort | Reread Genesis 3:1-7, Proverbs 28:25, James 1:6, 1 John 2:16

(12 minutes)

- In what ways does the enemy distort modern day blessings?
- How do greed, lust and doubt turn our hearts away from God and help us focus on our perceived lack?

» Distract | Reread Matthew 4:1-10, Proverbs 16:8, Luke 16:10-13, Ephesians 6:10-18

(12 minutes)

- When the enemy tempts Jesus, He quotes scripture. What does that model the armor of God in Ephesians 6?
- What does it mean to be faithful? How does the Bible define true riches? How does the world define true riches?

» Invite | Reread John 4:13,14, Matthew 6:31-33, Isaiah 58:11

(12 minutes)

- What does it mean to spiritually thirst? What does it mean to have waters that do not fail?
- How does seeking God and his righteousness first empty us of our unhealthy wants so God can satisfy our needs?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Jesus invites us toward courageous contentment by depending on him. In what way is Jesus encouraging you to depend more on him?
- Close by praying for one another to take time over the next several weeks to read, process, and apply the wisdom in Proverbs.