

Seacoast Vintage

Small Group Questions: Part 3: Contentment

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Read

Philippians 4:11–13; Hebrews 13:5; and Exodus 20:17

Reflect

In the book of Philippians, Paul tells us to be content regardless of our circumstances. How does the fact that he is in prison as he pens this book impact you?

Pastor Darrin Patrick highlights the promise and power of contentment:

1. The promise of contentment
 - a. The Bible promises contentment.
 - i. Where are you on the contentment scale? (10 being almost heaven and 1 being in the fetal position).
 - ii. What do you think it would take for you to be content?
 - iii. Do you tend to want to trade the old for the new? Does new always mean “progress”?
 - b. The Bible commands contentment.
 - i. Why does God command it?
2. The enemy of contentment.
 - a. Coveting says: if I have _____, my life will be complete.
 - i. How would you fill in the above blank?
 - b. Coveting prevents us from knowing the secret of life.
 - i. When have you felt a deep desire for something that nothing in this world seems to satisfy? How have you tried to fill it apart from God?
3. The power of contentment.
 - a. Coveting grounds us in suffering or success.
 - i. How have you let disappointments discourage you and limit God’s power in your life?
 - ii. How have you seen success turn someone arrogant and proud?
 - iii. How does putting God first bring equilibrium and perspective?
 - b. The place we are discontent is the place we need specific strength.
 - i. In what areas of your life are you trusting in your own strength and own solutions?
 - ii. What do you need to release to God?
 - iii. Describe a time when you were content to stop at the billboard rather than what it pointed to? How were you accepting far less than what God wanted for you?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?