

Small Group Questions: Breaking the Power of Materialism

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Read

Proverbs 2 Proverbs 7:20, 18:11; Ecclesiastes 5:10, 6:9; Luke 12:15; and I Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 13:5; Malachi 3:10; Deuteronomy 14:23; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Colossians 3:2

Reflect

Many of us believe having more will make us happy, make us more important, and more secure. Pastor Josh Surratt discussed why these three assertions are fallacies and four ways to break the power of materialism in our lives.

1. Resist the comparison trap.
 - a. Do you struggle with comparing yourself to others? (your things, your faith, the way you look, education, status, etc...)
 - b. Who do you look up to? Who is perfect?
2. Rejoice in what I do have.
 - a. Name three things you have now.
 - b. Name three people God has given you.
 - c. Name one thing God has done for you that was more than you expected.
3. Return the first ten percent back to God.
 - a. Do you trust God with your life?
 - b. Your finances?
 - c. Your health?
4. Refocus on permanent values.
 - a. Is your mind more on things above or worried about the things right in front of you?
 - b. What would it look like to live by faith in an area you tend to worry about?

Respond

What is one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?