



Cut Back, Clear Out, Pay Off

GraceYouth Week 2

Sr. High

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Big Idea

More is not always better

Ice Breaker

What is something that you have always wanted to buy or own?

Introduction:

Scripture Questions | Read Ecclesiastes 4:6, Proverbs 22:7, and Luke 12:15

1. What words or phrases stick out in these verses?
2. In Ecclesiastes 4:6, what did Solomon mean? Why would having less of something (one hand) be better than having more (two hands)? What does it mean to “strive after wind”?
3. In Proverbs 22:7, why would someone who borrows something from another be a “slave”?
4. In Luke 12:15, what is greed? What sort of “life” is Jesus referring to?

Application Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10, how much of an understanding on debt did you have before coming into life group today?
2. Have you ever encountered an instance in where having more of something is not better?
3. If having debt makes someone a slave to the one, they owe money to then how does change your perspective on purchasing things such as a car or taking out student loans to go to college?
4. Many times, people take on debt because they want more in life. What are those things that they want? Think more than just the items that people buy; but think about the “why”. Do you find yourself wanting more “stuff” and not being satisfied?
5. Debt causes a lot of anxiety because of the need to pay someone back. Can someone experience joy, peace, and be generous while following Jesus with debt? Answer honestly and explain.

Next Step

Ask your parent(s) if your family has debt and if there is some way that you can help with that. Also, each time you receive money through a gift, or a job save at least 10% of it instead of spending it.

Prayer

That God would help us to live within our means. That He would be the one who satisfies us instead of unnecessary things on the earth. That we would serve Him instead of being a “slave to the lender”.