

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF (10.29.23) | AWAKEN TO SIGNIFICANCE

WARM UP QUESTION

If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would it be?

DISCUSS

Read [Luke 12:13-21](#)

- The person in the crowd was focused on one goal when they called out to Jesus. What stands out to you about their statement? Where do you see this type of motivation play out today?
- Jesus responded by saying, "Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." Why is greed against God's best for us? Where or how do you most see greed creep into your own life?
- What types of things do you use to measure the significance of your life? Have they actually led to significance or the opposite?
- What stands out to you in the parable in verses 16-20? Where do you see yourself in the story? How does it challenge you, especially in the areas of greed and/or significance and how they relate to your time, talent, and treasure?
- Read verse 21 again, then read John 10:10. In verse 21, Jesus says we're fools if we store up earthly wealth but don't have a rich relationship with God. In John 10:10, He says His purpose is to give us a rich and satisfying life. What do you think the word 'rich' means in both of these instances? What do these statements tell you about God and His character? What in your life do you think contributes to this type of richness, and what hinders it?

Read [1 Timothy 6:6-12](#)

- Verses 6-8 talk about contentment, contrasting the things of the world with the things of God. What stands out to you in these verses? Do you view contentment the way it's described here? What typically keeps you from being content?
- Verses 9-10 warn about the dangers of craving money. Is this something you struggle with? How have you seen it play out, and how do these verses challenge you?
- Verses 11-12 describe where to find our significance, urging us to "fight the good fight" and "hold tightly to eternal life." What do you think these two phrases mean? What else are we urged to pursue? Is there a specific pursuit you sense God calling you to in this season, and what will it require?

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Read [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#)

- Note all the times you see the word 'rich' in these verses. What do you think each one means in the context that it's written? How does it challenge your current thoughts about what being 'rich' means?
- Think about the time, talent, and treasure you've been given. Would you say you're currently trusting in those things to give you significance, or are you using them to do good for eternity? What do you know about God that helps you trust Him instead? Share one specific thing you sense Him asking you to surrender so that you can use it to build His Kingdom, not your own.

RESPOND

Reflect on what you just discussed. What is God prompting you to do next so that He can do a work in you? How about through you? Share your next step with your group, including when you'll do it, and write it in your Awaken Guide (page 72).

PRAY

Spend some time praying together as a group. Thank God for wanting a personal relationship with you and for the rich life He offers. Pray that He would reveal the ways you've chased after significance in something other than Him. Ask Him to awaken you to what it means to use your time, talent, and treasure to build His Kingdom, not your own. You can pray in pairs, small groups, or have multiple people pray out loud.