

LEADER GUIDE | WEEK THREE

Contentment | **Contentment and Wealth** | week of **November 26**

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

Welcome to the last week of our series on Contentment! We've learned that the secret to being content is knowing what Jesus has done for us, which allows us to be content no matter what's going on in our lives. This week's teaching leans into the idea that because we can be content with what we have, we don't need to pursue more in life. Rather, we can use what we have (our lives and resources) to make an impact in the lives of others.

new leader tip

Talking about finances and giving can be difficult for some people. One good way for group members to take a next step in being generous is to hear stories from others about what God has done in their lives. Your job as the leader isn't to convince them to take a specific step but to invite them to explore where God is leading them.

ICE BREAKER AND THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

In this lesson, the ice breaker question leads to the idea that we can be content with what we have and that more is not necessarily better.

WEEKLY CHECK-IN QUESTION

Along with asking how group members are developing in contentment, ask if anyone has continued working on memorizing one (or more) of the "I am" statements of Jesus and/or if they kept a gratitude journal through the week.

SCRIPTURE AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This week, the lesson starts by taking a look at people in the Bible and how they responded to Jesus, with a focus on their physical possessions. The questions spend time comparing and contrasting some of the disciples with a wealthy young man who also wanted to follow Jesus. Question three is a key question. In these passages, Peter called Jesus "Lord", and the ruler called Jesus "Teacher." The disciples realized that Jesus was the authority over every area of their lives, including their resources. The lesson then transitions to look at another passage from Scripture where Paul is encouraging Timothy about how to instruct people to view their money and their lives.

going deeper

If group members are interested in spending more time focusing on being content with money and possessions, check out this YouVersion Bible reading plan: [6 Days With Jesus: Money And Possessions | The Bible App](#)

PRAYER

Follow up on any shared prayer requests or next steps taken in the area of contentment, and pray for one another.

EXTRA INFO TO SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP

STEP ONE | Invite those newer to your group or newer to 2|42 to attend the next Step One class at your campus. They can learn more and RSVP at 242community.com/stepone

BLUE CHRISTMAS | A special service designed to help comfort those who are grieving and struggling to find joy and hope during the Christmas season. Specific dates + times for each campus can be found on 242community.com/events

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | Find details for Christmas service times at 242community.com/christmas

KIDS + STUDENTS EVENTS | Check out the [What's Happening Section](#) of the 2|42 App to see what events are coming up soon for the kids + students connected to your group or what your group could do to support those events.

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ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What is a favorite item you own that costs less than \$10?

WEEKLY CHECK-IN QUESTION

How has your contentment grown through the teaching series?

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

You can be content with what you have when you know God owns it all.

What is something you heard in the weekend's teaching that was memorable to you?

SCRIPTURE + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 5|1-11 and Luke 18|18-30, and compare the interactions these men had with Jesus.

1. What did the disciples give up? What did they gain?
2. What did the ruler give up? What did he gain?
3. What titles were used to address Jesus in these two scriptures? What is the significance of these titles?
4. For both the disciples and the ruler, how did their view of Jesus impact their contentment and view of their resources?
5. How does your relationship with Jesus impact your contentment and view of your resources?

Read 1 Timothy 6|6-19

6. What are the key principles Paul is trying to communicate to Timothy in this passage?
7. How would contentment enable you to give more to others?
8. What would you gain if you are content with what you have?

PRAYER

Report back on any answered prayers, share new requests, and spend time praying for one another.