

One Degree

Pastor's Message Growth Groups

Part 5 – The Elephant In The Room

Scripture

Primary Verse: 1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19

Have everyone read the verses out loud. It's best not to comment during the reading.

Group Flow

Catch Up

How was your week?

Observations

1 Timothy 6:6 – What do you think Paul means by 'go and 'contentment'? How does this relate to verse 5?

Scripture
Read the primary sermon verse(s) out loud

1 Timothy 6:8-9 – What is Scripture telling us here about money and our desires for wealth? Compare your answers to verse 10.

1 Timothy 6:17 – What do you think Paul means by putting hope in money vs. God? How is verse 18 an answer to this question?

Application

Are you being generous with what God has blessed you with? Why or why not? Be willing to be honest and explore your own answers.

The purpose of tithing is to kill any greed in your heart; it's the answer to the money-trap. How do you really view tithing: An obligation, or an opportunity to free yourself from greed?

It's possible to follow verse 18's command without being wealthy. How can you be 'rich in good deeds', and 'be generous and willing to share' in areas other than money? What will you commit to doing? How could today's Scripture apply to your group's service project?

Have some extra time?
Check out these related verses:
Ecclesiastes 4:8
Matthew 6:31-33
Luke 12:20-21
Philippians 4:11-12
Hebrews 13:5

Prayer of the Week

Psalm 62:5-12(CEV)

"Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on him. God alone is the mighty rock that keeps me safe, and he is the fortress where I feel secure. God saves me and honors me. He is that mighty rock where I find safety. Trust God, my friends, and always tell him each one of your concerns. God is our place of safety. We humans are only a breath; none of us are truly great. All of us together weigh less than a puff of air. Don't trust in violence or depend on dishonesty or rely on great wealth. I heard God say two things: "I am powerful", and "I am very kind." The Lord rewards each of us according to what we do."