

INTRODUCTION

Godliness with contentment is great gain according to Paul. After dealing with the false teachers' greed, Paul exhorts all the church to pursue the treasure of contentment.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read 1 Timothy 6:2b-8
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- 6:4-5 list the fruit of false teaching. Why do you think false teaching leads to such sin?
- Describe the great gain from contentment with godliness.
- What does he mean by godliness? Perhaps see 3:16. Why does godliness + contentment = great gain?
- How does v7 supply a reason for contentment?

APPLICATION

- Are you content? Where are you most content in life? Where do you struggle with contentment?
- What are symptoms/emotions of discontentment?
- What feeds discontentment? What feeds contentment?
- V8 says we can be content with the necessities of life. Are you tempted to turn luxuries into necessities? How can you grow in contentment when you simply have what you need?
- How is Christ the key to contentment?
- What do we communicate when we are not content? Discuss.

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs