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Home Meeting Discussion, Week of 2/11

“The god of Money”

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Matthew 6:19-24

1. How are you challenged by either or both of these passages? What are particular areas of your life that these passages apply to? In other words, if there is an idol of greed in your life, what form or shape does it take? Would anyone be willing to share an example of a time when they discovered greed in their heart?
2. The first question was an individually-oriented question. Let's think about this corporately as well. Where do we see greed in *us* — in our nation, in our city, within various subgroups in our culture, even in our church?
Note: the goal isn't to demonize any person or group. The goal is to recognize that both of these passages are directed toward communities of people and not just to individuals.
3. What would it look like to turn from greed toward contentment — individually and corporately? In other words, how can we turn from greed to generosity, and on a deeper level from security in our circumstances toward security in Christ?
4. If it hasn't yet been made clear...How does the Gospel impact our relationship to money and possessions? Why is generosity a “gospel imperative”?
Note: see 2 Corinthians 8:7-9.

Common Reading & Listening:

(as an alternative to HM questions any given week)

1. Have someone read the passage aloud. Followed the reading with three or four minutes of silence. Invite everyone to make a note of something that struck them.
2. Have someone read the passage a second time, and afterwards give everyone a few minutes to ponder these three simple questions: What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, or Spirit)? What does this passage say about us (as saints, sufferers, or sinners)? In light of this, what is this passage inviting us to believe, pray, or do?
3. Invite people to share their answers to these questions, and let these things lead the discussion (while remembering the sermon as an anchor for application if needed/desired).

Scripture Memory – February 2018:

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.