

B E N E A T H T H E S U R F A C E

GREED || CONVERSATION GUIDE

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Sermon Recap:

Greed is when you think mammon will meet your ultimate needs. As Pastor Derwin described in his sermon, mammon is a word used in the New Testament to describe material possessions. Have you ever felt panicked about your needs being met? Sometimes when we get that feeling, we end up in a scarcity mindset and become greedy. The answer is not in gaining more and more. The answer is Jesus and remembering that He provides for all our needs, though not necessarily our “greeds.” How do we replace mammon with Jesus? We treasure Christ above all, replace our worry with worship, and take care of God’s business while He takes care of ours. Spend time in your group exploring Matthew 6:19-34 and discussing how you can go from a greedy/scarcity mindset to a generous/abundance mindset.

Discussion Questions:

Upward

- Read Matthew 6:19-20. What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven?
- What are the incalculable treasures of Christ (Ephesians 3:8)?
- God is your heavenly Father and will provide for your needs. What are some ways God has provided for your needs in the past?

Inward

- Read Matthew 6:21. Take an honest look at your heart. Where is your treasure?
- Read Matthew 6:25-31. Do you worry about bills being paid, having food to eat, paying off the mortgage, school tuition, etc.? How can you replace your worry with worship?
- Jesus said, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one’s life is not in the abundance of his possessions.” Where is one’s life found if not in possessions?
- How does it make you feel when you are greedy? How does it make you feel when you are generous?

Outward

- Are you in a position where God has provided over and above your needs? What can you do with that abundance?
- What are some different ways you give generously? (Perhaps you give regularly to TC and/or other organizations.) What impact does generosity have in your community and the world around you? Share ideas on how you can be generous.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are our great Provider. We thank You for the incalculable riches found in Christ. As we move through our days, help us by the power of Your Holy Spirit to reject greed and embrace generosity. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Soul Tattoo:

Worship instead of worrying.