

# CROPPED

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Discussion  
Gu'ide

"GREED"

01/15/17

## The Point:

*Cropped: Money is Evil! Completed: Greed Guarantees Grief*

### The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Would you rather be Kevin from *Home Alone 2*, who wandered from his parents and ended up lost in New York, OR the Pevensies, who wandered into the wardrobe and ended up lost in *Narnia*, and why?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- If money [itself] were the root of all evil, what problems would that create for (1) economics and (2) personal responsibility?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10. According to the context, why did Paul bring up the problem about money in the first place [v. 5]? If money itself isn't the issue, what is? Give examples of what that might look like today.
- In verses 9-10, what "accidental" verbs does Paul use to describe the consequences of loving money. How can loving money cause grief?
- Let's break down a few things that the Bible tells us about money:
  - *Use It Appropriately*: Matthew 22:17-21; Romans 13:6-7
    - What opinions have you heard from Christ-followers about money to the government? How do these verses affect those?
  - *Manage It Selflessly*: Luke 16:1-15
    - What does it mean to manage God's money for His benefit?
  - *Give It Generously*: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
    - Speaking of context... as a group, discuss 3 things that this passage teaches about money, and how it relates to giving.
  - *Trust God Completely*: Philippians 4:12-13
    - Looking at last week, do your actions reflect that you believe God provides everything that you need? Why is this so hard?
- Close with about 5 minutes of silent prayer & reflection. Use this time to confess and ask God to improve you in just one of these four areas.

## The References

Main Passage: 1 Timothy 6:3-10 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Matthew 22:17-21 (NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Romans 13:6-7 (NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue...

Luke 16:1-15 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?...

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give...

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.