

MESSAGE GROUPS - BUY HAPPY WEEK 1 - OCTOBER 21

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

The "Buy Happy" series takes an honest look at the materialistic culture we live in. As a leader, know that the mssage content and questions can hit very close to home in the realm of finances and pushes those in your group to tap into a truly fulfilling "God first" life over a life that is centered on material possessions alone.

ICEBREAKER:

If you had \$1000 to splurge on anything you wanted - what would you put it towards?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud Matthew 6: 19 - 24.

• **Q:** Do you think this passage is saying that we should never enjoy material things?

PK delivers the truth that if you want to be truly happy on earth, then live for Heaven.

- **Q:** What do you think it means to practically "live for Heaven"? How can we do this in a world that is so obsessed with material things?
- **Q:** Have you ever experienced the fleeting nature of material happiness and worldly success?

PK shares three truths about happiness: **1)** *Money can buy happy moments, but not a happy life*; **2)** *Managing money is mostly managing yourself*; **3)** *There's only ONE first place.*

- **Q:** How would you explain the difference in being "filled" and being "fulfilled"?
- **Q:** How are you doing with managing yourself in the realm of finances and actually putting God in first place? How do you think we can balance needing money to live but not relying on money to fulfill us and make us happy?

CLOSE:

Take time as you close to ask the question in your group:

• **Q:** Is your life out of order? Which of the three lessons do you most need to live and apply?

Note For Leaders: Based on where your group is at, you may choose to have them answer and discuss the question aloud, or simply encourage further, private reflection around the topic.

PRAYER: As you close, pray for the wisdom and discipline needed to live a "God First" life that is truly fulfilling. Ask for breakthroughs specifically in the areas of materialism and short-term happy.



