



MESSAGE GROUPS - BUY HAPPY WEEK 2 - OCTOBER 28

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

The “Buy Happy” series takes an honest look at the materialistic culture we live in. As a leader, know that the message 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:

What is something you own that you were excited about purchasing that you eventually either got rid of or now sits in a box in the attic?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **Matthew 6: 22-23**

- **Q:** *What do you think the passage means by saying “the eye is the lamp of the body”?*

This passage reveals that **your perspective determines your pursuits.**

- **Q:** *What perspective does our culture have on “stuff”? What perspective do you think that Jesus would challenge us to have on “stuff”?*

Miles shares that we often look to the material world to fill our needs of **security, satisfaction, and self worth** - the problem is, we were created for God to fill these needs, not material things.

- **Q:** *Of the three needs (security, satisfaction, and self worth) which are you most prone to try and solve through material things?*
- **Q:** *How would you describe the balance of **enjoying** stuff without being **enslaved** to stuff?*

CLOSE:

Read through the four statements describing the freedom from money that Christ offers us:

*Fulfill your **values** without filling your **voids**.*

*Invest **wisely** without misplacing your **security**.*

*Enjoy **quality** without attaching your **identity**.*

*A **God-first** relationship frees you to **enjoy** your stuff and **master** your money.*

Consider these statements as you answer the closing question:

- **Q:** *Which of these four freedoms do you most desire in your relationship with material things? What practical steps could you take to work toward that?*

PRAYER: As you close, pray for the wisdom and discipline needed to live a “God First” life that is truly fulfilling. Ask for breakthroughs in the four statements Miles gave to describe financial freedom.

