

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE DANGER OF WEALTH

Mark 10:23-31

Build to Equip — Week 1

ICEBREAKER: How hard is life? How does your life compare?

OVERVIEW: Over the next three weeks we are going to talk about what we need to do as a church to stay on track with our Build to Equip capital campaign. This Sunday we talked about the danger of wealth. If you are wealthy (or rich), then you are in grave danger spiritually. Money has the potential to derail your relationship with God like nothing else. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to be rich without it ruining your walk with Christ.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is greed?
3. How can greed hurt your relationships?
4. How can greed hurt a church?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.
 - a. What is godliness?
 - b. What is contentment?
 - c. How are godliness and contentment great gain?
 - d. Why is it important to remember that we can't take anything out of this world (v. 7)?
 - e. Greed is described in this passage as the desire to be rich, and the love of money. What are the dangers of greed described in this passage?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions. Why is wealth a big danger to your relationship with God?
7. What does it mean to be wealthy/rich?
8. What are some signs that you struggle with greed?
9. How can rich people overcome the dangers of wealth?

The Last Word: "Greed is the desire to acquire gone hay-wire." Ed Young Jr.

