

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"Affluence and Consumerism"

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 5:10-17

August 11, 2019

Introduction

Conclusion

Benediction: Psalm 73:23-26

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-11-19

Questions adapted from John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, David C. Cook, Colorado Springs, CO, 2017, p. 238; Tommy Nelson, The Problem of Life With God, Broadman & Holman, Nashville, TN, 2002, pp. 40-41.

Getting Started:

1. How are you affected by the materialistic mind-set of America? Have you ever given in to the idea that something will make you happy? Share a specific example.
2. Why do you think man is so tempted to find meaning in pleasure or possessions?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-17

3. Which of the 5 negative effects of hoarded wealth have you observed, either in yourself or in others?
4. What do the following texts teach about wealth, affluence, and consumerism?
 - a. Matthew 6:19-25

b. Luke 12:15

c. 1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19

For Further Study:

Read Stonestreet & Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, chap 12.

5. In what ways is consumerism a form of idolatry?
6. What values did you learn growing up about money, debt, savings, and shopping? Were they positive or negative?
7. Stonestreet & Kunkle offer thirteen action steps. Are there any that you are already practicing? Which one would you like to put into practice next? Why that one?