

Adult Group Study Guide for November 1, 2020

Series: "The Bible Doesn't Say That"

Message: "Obedience Leads to Prosperity, Part 2"

Goal: To place our trust in God who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Key Verses: *But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.* – 1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV)

1. What have you learned this past week as you thought about the message from last Sunday? What happens when we let our experiences drive our interpretation of God and our view of the Christian faith? In what ways can the prosperity gospel backfire and make us more negative about God's involvement in our lives? What is the source of every blessing we receive? (James 1:17)
2. The prosperity we experience is a gift from God, but the pursuit of prosperity comes with a few conditions. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What do these verses teach us about the proper attitude to have toward the things of this world and early pleasures? What has lasting value?
3. If pleasure is our goal, the lines of sin and obedience become blurred. Read 1 Peter 1:13-21. What does Peter say should be the goal of our life? (vs. 15) How can perishable things take our eyes off what is most important?
4. Read the words of Jesus in John 16:33. How does the warning of Jesus that "in this world you will have trouble" change your view of life? What difference does it make that Jesus has overcome the world? What is the source of our peace and security?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 What is the ultimate danger of following the prosperity gospel? Where can everything that we need be found?
6. What should our attitude be when it comes to this world? (John 15:18-20; John 17:13-19) What role are we called to fulfill? (2 Corinthians 5:16-21) How can you serve as an ambassador for Christ this week?