

Caught in Comparison

PECULIAR | Week 5



HOMEWORK (DONE BEFORE GROUP) _____

Read 1 Timothy 6



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What type of media do you consume the most of? (*Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Television, Newspaper, Magazines, etc.*)
- 2) What was something you always wanted as a kid? Or something that everyone else had but you never got?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) What was something in this Sunday's message that stood out to you, inspired you, or challenged you?
- 2) Do you ever struggle with envy, discontent, or materialism? If so, What types of things cause you to fall into the comparison trap?
- 3) What are some of the blessings that we easily forget about? Take some time to list some specific blessings.
- 4) Why do you think the heart never satisfied?
- 5) Do you struggle with being content about who God made you to be? What are the ways you wish God had made you different?
- 6) How can we show God our gratitude with who He made us to be and the ways He has blessed us?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ - 1st Timothy 6:6-11 together

- 1) What jumps out to you in this passage? What is interesting, challenging, or something you've never noticed before?
- 2) How should keeping our focus on eternity change how we live here on earth?
- 3) What would you do if you had an extra \$100,000? What does money represent to you?
- 4) Why is the desire for wealth a trap?
- 5) What kinds of evil or harm might be born out of a love for money?
- 6) What might godliness and contentment look like?
- 7) Why do we struggle with contentment? What might we do to make contentment a habit or an attitude of our hearts?

READ - 1st Timothy 6:17-19 together

- 8) How much money does someone need to have to be rich?
- 9) Do you think the average American is rich?

**NOTE - If you make \$60,000 a year or more you are in the top 1% richest on earth
If you make \$15,000 a year or more you are in the top 8% richest on earth*

- 10) If almost all of us in this group are 'rich' what does this passage tell us we need to be doing?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) What can I do to avoid discontentment?
- 2) What specifically do I need to start doing to promote contentment in my heart, mind, and lifestyle?