



# 5-Comparison Trap

1 Samuel 8:4-9, Philippians 4:10-13

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. In your past, what is something you really wanted, and someone else had it? How did it affect you? How did it affect your relationship with that person?
3. Comparing is not wrong, but it often leads to either conceit or coveting. Why do you think that is and how have you experience this in your own life?
4. Read 1 Samuel 8:4-9. What was wrong with the people's request? What did it show about their hearts? Why do you think God gave into their request even though he saw a problem with it? What does that say about God's desire to have our hearts?
5. Read Philippians 4:10-13. Contentment is something Paul said he learned. Do you think it is still a learned thing?
6. Paul said he learned the secret of contentment in every circumstance. What was that secret and how did he learn it? (hint: vs 13)
7. Contentment is not having what you want but wanting what you have. How is this true, what is still missing regarding the contentment Paul learned? Why is the question, "is what you have worth wanting?" an important question?
8. Three area's we can struggle to find contentment in are: who I am, what I have, the circumstance I am in? Which of these areas has been your greatest struggle in the past, and which is presently? How might our contentment in God shape our contentment in these three areas?
9. Pray together. Pray Psalm 37:4 over each other as you pray!