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controlling your **emotions**, before they control you.

Week 2 - 😞 Jealousy: You Owe Me!

Opening Thoughts

Jealousy is the personal belief that God has been _____ to me.

Question: Have you ever been genuinely happy for someone and at the same time, a little bothered by it?

Parable of the Talents: Matthew 25

Jealousy will _____ you to what you've been given while you _____ over what you don't have.

The Diagnosis: James 4

Dealing with 😞 JEALOUSY so the Devil has no opportunity.

1. Locate the _____.
2. Realize that you won't get _____ that you want.
3. Take ownership of your _____ of the problem.
4. Take it all to _____.
5. Read the fine _____.
6. Recognize the good things that you _____.

Celebration of God's current goodness will break the chains of _____.

LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

FIRST THINGS FIRST

1. What's something you've seen someone else get that made you think, "Man...that must be nice"?
2. What's one thing you were super excited about as a kid that someone else had before you?
3. If you could instantly trade lives with someone for one week, would you? Why or why not? If so, who would it be?

DIGGING DEEP

1. Read Matthew 25:14–30. What stands out to you about how the master distributed the talents? Why do you think the one-talent servant focused more on what he didn't receive instead of what he did?
2. Read James 4:1–6. According to this passage, where do our conflicts and comparisons actually come from?
3. Jeremy said, "Jealousy is the belief that God has been unfair to me." Why do you think it's so easy for us to believe God has been unfair to us? Where do you see that play out in everyday life?
4. Why is comparison described in 2 Corinthians 10:12 as lacking understanding?
5. Why do you think jealousy is often hard to recognize in ourselves?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 10:12. Why is comparison such a dangerous measuring stick?
7. Read James 4:1–3. According to James, where do quarrels and conflict really begin?
8. What desires or unmet expectations most often become the doorway for jealousy in a person's life?
9. Why do you think James answers our wrong desires with grace in James 4:6 instead of condemnation?
10. Read James 1:17. How does gratitude for what God has given us fight against jealousy?

TAKE IT HOME

1. Is there an area of your life where jealousy has been whispering, "God has been unfair to me"?
2. What is one good gift from God in your life that you may have been overlooking?
3. Who is one person you need to intentionally celebrate this week instead of compare yourself to?
4. What would it look like for you this week to bring your unmet desires honestly to God instead of carrying them alone?
5. How does Romans 8:32 help you answer the lie that God is holding out on you?