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

## Week 3 - Greed: I Owe Me!

### Opening Thoughts

Greed actually camouflages itself as \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ways to identify greed in others (and how they identify it in you)

### Questions to ask yourself

The root of greed is: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Luke 12: Parable of the rich fool.**

Greedy people are rarely at peace with \_\_\_\_\_, and never at peace with \_\_\_\_\_.

It is possible to have a full \_\_\_\_\_ and still feel empty.

Don't be rich with \_\_\_\_\_ while you bankrupt the thing that matters.

Consumers always \_\_\_\_\_.

Contributors always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

You cannot receive extravagant grace and live with a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Dealing with**  **so the enemy doesn't get a place**

1. Admit that greed has taken \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Understand that lots of \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't equal a great life.

3. Combat greed with \_\_\_\_\_.

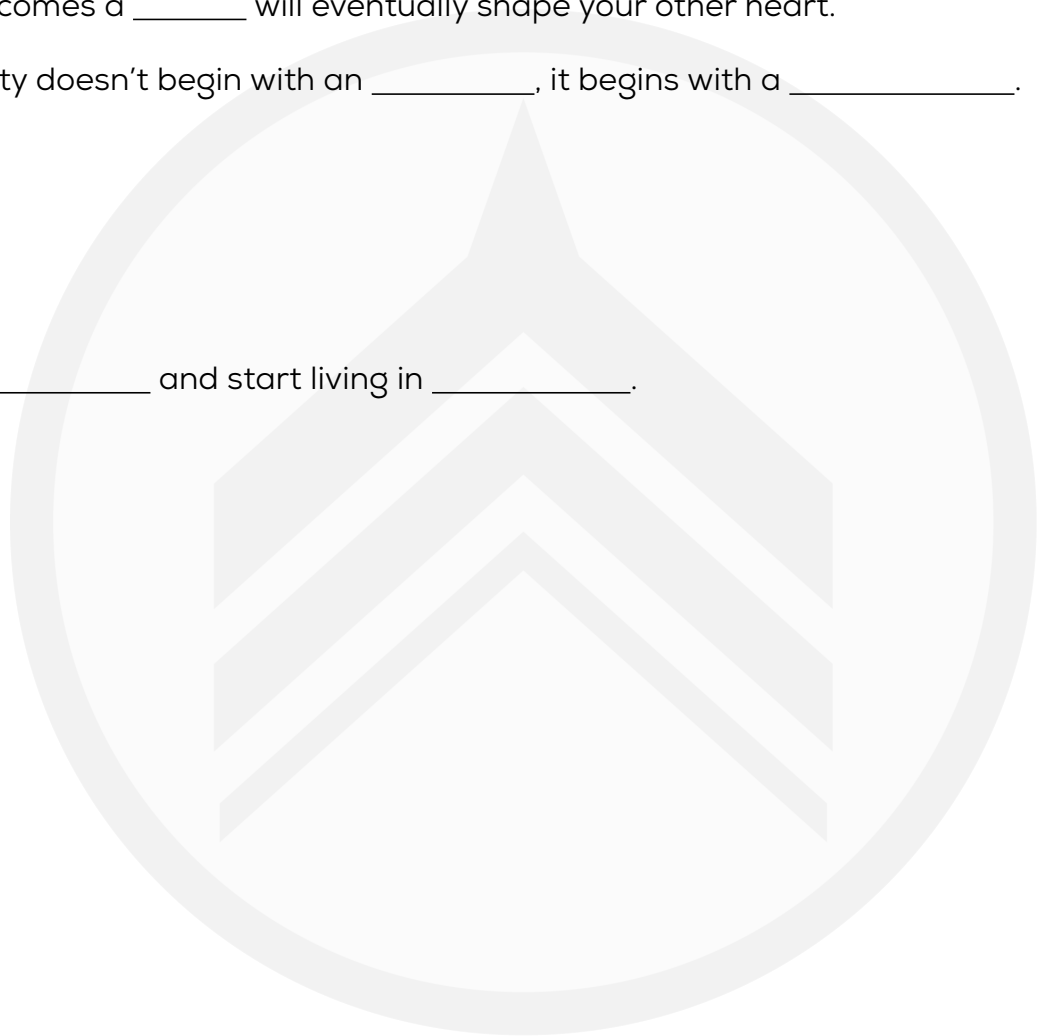
\_\_\_\_\_ people change the world.

4. Invest in the \_\_\_\_\_ work.

What becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ will eventually shape your other heart.

Generosity doesn't begin with an \_\_\_\_\_, it begins with a \_\_\_\_\_.

Stop living for \_\_\_\_\_ and start living in \_\_\_\_\_.



# LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

1. What's something you've bought in the past that you were convinced you "needed"...but definitely didn't?
2. If money, time, and responsibility weren't an issue—what would your "perfect life" look like?
3. Have you ever saved up for something for a long time, only to realize it didn't satisfy like you thought it would? What was it? Share the story with the group.

## DIGGING DEEP

1. In Luke 12:15, Jesus warns us to "be on your guard against all covetousness." Why do you think Jesus gives a *warning* about greed instead of just a teaching? What does that tell us about how subtle greed really is?
2. Jeremy said that greed often hides behind good things like saving, planning, and being wise. How can we tell the difference between wise stewardship and hidden greed?
3. Read Luke 12:16–21 (The Rich Fool). What stands out to you about how often the man says "I," "my," or "me"? What does that reveal about the root issue in his heart?
4. Jeremy said, "Greed is not a financial issue, it's a heart issue." Where do you see that play out in real life? Why is it important to understand greed this way?
5. The root of greed was identified as **fear**. What specific fears tend to drive people toward greed? How does trusting God challenge those fears?
6. Jesus says the rich man was not "rich toward God." (Luke 12:21) What do you think it practically means to be "rich toward God"?
7. Jeremy made the statement, "You cannot receive extravagant grace and live with a closed hand." What does an "open-handed life" actually look like day-to-day?

## TAKE IT HOME

1. Looking at the list of "identifying greed," which one hit closest to home for you—and why?
2. Jeremy challenged us to ask God, "God, what do you want me to do with my extra?" What might that look like specifically in your life right now?
3. Giving was described as an **act of worship**, not just a financial decision. How does that change the way you think about giving?
4. If you've never made giving a regular part of your life, what would be one simple step you could take this week to begin?