

Study Notes

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Bowing Out of the Race

1	**If you were asked, how much money do you need to be happy, what would you say? More, less, or exactly what you currently have?**	
2	**Why do you think it is that even as we get more, we usually still want more? As it relates to money do you think that happiness is tied more to how much we have or a state of mind or heart?**	
3	**Read 1 Timothy 6:6. Do you agree or disagree? Why? How have you seen this play out? Read Ecclesiastes 5:10. How does this verse fill in what Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:6?**	
4	**Read 1 Timothy 6:7-8. Do you think there is a minimum amount we need to be happy or content? What would it be or look like practically today as Paul so generally describes it here?**	
5	**Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. How have you seen this play out in real life. What griefs and ruin have you seen come from a pursuit of money?**	
6	**Read 1 Timothy 6:17. Why and how does wealth make us arrogant and disengage from God? Secondly, do you think it is ok for us to enjoy the wealth God gives? What does this verse have to say about it?**	
7	**Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19. How is generosity a litmus test for our hearts?**	
8	**As it relates to riches, how strong is your desire to control outcomes financially? What might that say about money possessing you? Secondly, how generous are you? What might this say about money possessing you?**	
9	**As you think of contentment, how content are you financially? How does that affect your happiness? What is God impressing on you to do to grow your contentment and happiness?**	
10	**Pray together.**	



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1 Timothy 6:6-10 - 17-19

6But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

17Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.