



WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

THE FLAG OF MONEY

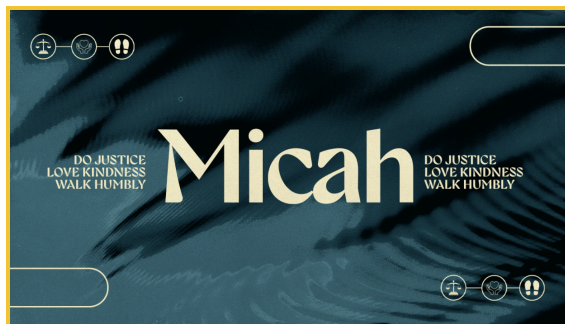
WEEK 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL TO HIM DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

*Bring your guide to group.

***Complete Wk 5 Reading Plan & Prayer Guide on page 95-97.**



Begins Nov. 14-17

ICEBREAKER: Let's play a little game called, "What would you do versus What should you do?" The only rules are you have to be honest and have fun. You are given \$100,000 and told you must spend/use it 3 different ways (family member, vacation, ministry, nonprofit, mortgage, etc). No limits on how you divide it, who you give it to and you can use it for yourself.

Question, What would you do AND What should you do? If different, explain.

MAIN POINT: Money is an incredible servant but a terrible master. Giving our all to Jesus means learning to be content with what we have and giving generously out of what God has given us. When we do this we take hold of life and store up eternal treasure.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.



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STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19.

Discuss the EXAMINE and APPLY sections on pages 96-97 in your Discipleship Guide.

Pastor James shared that true contentment comes when our “inward satisfaction isn't dependent on external things.” Share a struggle and/or a victory you have experienced when trying to live a life of contentment.

Underline the warnings and negative consequences in this passage. Which one is the most concerning for you and why?

One of our church's convictions is “Giving Changes People.” How has generosity changed you and your family? How can we help each other with generosity?

What is your initial reaction to Pastor James' statement, “Money is an incredible servant but a terrible master.”

Deeper Community: As we finish our Raise The Flag series, share with the group what God is leading you to surrender in order to live a life that is ALL TO HIM.

PRAYER

**For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group.*

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests especially involving your true contentment and a generous heart. Pray over the request as a group.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us the true meaning of contentment through your Word. Help us to seek godliness with contentment and to trust in your provision. Guard our hearts against the love of money and the temptations of the world. Empower us to be generous and to place our hope in you alone. May our lives reflect your goodness, your grace and your generosity towards us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

B.L.E.S.S. Update:

Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

Begin with prayer

Listen to their story

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and the story of Jesus