

Growth Group Homework

Warm Up

1. As a teen, what was a privilege or restriction you had that a close friend might not have had? Any “family” rules that were different than someone else’s family?

Talk it Over

2. What in the message did you find interesting, challenging or helpful?
3. Worldliness is a reliance on the material world for peace. Take a minute to think about your go-to worldly desires.
 - What are some of those desires?
 - When are times when you are tempted to pursue things in this world for comfort or hope?
4. The sin of worldliness has its source in our living for a mission or purpose other than the one God intends for us. Read the following passages and note what God wants us to live for. What stands out to you?

John 17:13-18

1 Peter 2:9–10

- What does it mean to be a people of God? What are characteristics of God’s people?

- What are the indicators that someone is not living for God’s purpose?

5. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-4. Why would someone who has decided to follow Jesus end up getting entangled in “civilian affairs”?

6. The way to escape from worldliness is to “anchor your affections,” that is, build your life around what God says is important. A few ways to do this are to regularly give and read the Bible. Giving reminds us that following God is more important than following money. Bible reading regularly exposes us to the way God wants us to live so we can follow Him in that.

- How have either of these practices (giving or Bible reading) anchored your affections?

- What are other ways to anchor your affections?

Take it Home

7. Reflect on what you turn to when you’re stressed, afraid of losing something, seeking security, or emotionally overwhelmed. What’s something from this discussion you can apply to those situations?