

**Foundation Study
Gambling Cont'd
September 30, 2018**

Getting to the Point:

- What might be considered gambling today?
- Why do you think people gamble?
- What reasons might Christians give that allow gambling?
- What reasons do you think Christians give against gambling?

Digging into God's Word:

Read Exodus 20:17 & Luke 12:13-21

Gambling encourages the sin of greed and covetousness

- How might we define the word 'greed?' What might be some synonyms?
- What Scriptural passages first come to mind when discussing 'coveting?'
- What do you think it means to covet? What does God's Word (expounded by the Catechism) teach us?
- Do you think there is a difference between coveting and wanting something? Explain.
- How might greed affect other parts of a person's life?
- In Lk 12, Jesus uses a phrase 'eat, drink, and be merry.' Do you think this is a positive or negative phrase?

Read 1 Peter 4:1-11

Gambling promotes mismanagement possessions & does not put trust in God

- How does this passage describe Christ's actions?
- How do you think Christ's actions affect the way someone lives?
- Thinking as Christ thinks, how might we manage our possessions?
- How might our management of possessions impact non-Christians? Or other Christians?

Others views suggested by some Christians against gambling:

Gambling is counterintuitive to productive work

Gambling is a potentially addictive behavior

Read Matthew 15:1-9

- Do you think the disciples were violating God's law?
- How might you compare 'traditions' and 'laws?'
- Do you think people in general value highly tradition? Why?

Read Galatians 5:13-16

- What do you think it means to have freedom in Christ?
- How might our freedom in Christ be a positive thing? Negative?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have entrusted us with much. Guide us with Your Spirit to be good stewards of Your gifts, enjoying the blessings You have given. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**Next Week:
Sabbath**