



## BiG IDEA C-GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE

C-Groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

### 11.23/24.1 // Chasing the Almighty...Consumed

**BiG iDEA:** *God can help us not be consumed by fear and greed in our finances.*

// Ice Breaker \_\_\_\_\_

Option 1: What is one thing you were 'consumed with' as a kid? What is currently driving you?

Option 2: What are some of your favorite commercials? Why do you like them?

// Questions for Discussion \_\_\_\_\_

### GREED

- Matthew 6: 19** "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal".  
**How have the treasures here on earth let people down in our current financial crisis?**
- Matthew 6: 20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.  
**What would be considered treasures in heaven?**  
**What would be some ways to store your treasures in heaven?**
- Matthew 6: 21** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.  
**How does marketing (commercials, advertising, etc.) try to have us treasure the stuff they are trying to sell?**  
**How can this affect our passion for Jesus?**

### Fear

- Matthew 6: 31 - 33** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.  
**What type of financial things do people worry about? What do you worry about?**  
**When does God say He will give us the things we need?**  
**What is the balance between trusting God for our finances and doing practical things?**

### Myth 1: Money Can Make Me Secure

5. **Matthew 6: 24** “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**What are some problems with trusting in money over God?**

**What are some ways we can know that we are trusting money over God in our lives?**

**Have you ever seen warning signs from God about your finances?**

### Myth 2: Money Can Make Me Happy

6. **1 Timothy 6: 9** But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

**A Google search of "lottery winner horror stories" delivers more than a million entries documenting these accounts. Why do you think money destroyed their lives rather than made them happy?**

**What would you do if you were unexpectedly given \$100 million (besides funding Southpoint for the next 100 years)?**

### Myth 3: The Myth of Ownership

7. **Psalm 24: 1** “The earth is the Lord’s and everything that is in it.”

**Do you trust that everything you have has been given to you by God? How does that affect your giving and spending?**

**How can knowing that God is the ultimate owner of everything help give us peace?**

8. **Philippians 4: 11 - 13** ..I have learned to be content no matter what happens to me. I know what it's like not to have what I need. I also know what it's like to have more than I need. I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough. I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.

**How can we be content with what we have?**

**What are some things that prevent us from being content?**

9. **1 Timothy 6: 10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

**When is money bad? Is it ever good? How is it good?**

**What are some steps to overcome the world's claim that money will solve all our problems?**

### // Application \_\_\_\_\_

**Commit to memory Matthew 6: 33**

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Let's seek the Almighty Lord and not the almighty dollar.**

### // Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

- **That God will help us overcome the culture's drive to get more money and stuff.**



- **That God will help us to wisely use what He has given us.**
- **For those who are struggling financially.**