

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Nov 9-10, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### In God We Trust?

(I Timothy 6:17-19)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Timothy 6:17-19.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within these verses, Paul suggests that "trusting in money" is a significant barrier to experiencing the life God desires for us.

And He suggests that wealth (being rich) can make this barrier more prevalent.

How "rich" do you feel?

In what ways are you rich?

In what circumstances are you tempted to place your trust in money?

Within these same circumstances, what could it look like to place more trust in God?

Pastor Alan sees Paul pointing out two indicators that can help us see how much trust we are putting in money.

1. First indicator: Arrogance

How often, if ever, do you find yourself basing your value (or at least a portion of your value) on your financial standing?

How often, if ever, do you find yourself basing the value of others around you on their financial standing?

What do you think are some reasons behind either response above?

2. Second indicator: Fear

What fears, if any, around the topic of money occupy space in your mind?

When has having more assets potentially created more fear for you?

What does it look like for you to enjoy your financial blessings without being fearful of losing them?

Pastor Alan suggests two ways we can increase our trust in God vs. money.

1. Continually remember that God is our provider

Take some time with your group to list off provisions God had gifted you with.

How often do you give thanks to God for these gifts?

2. The practice of sacrificial giving

How often do you give in a way that costs you something?

How easy or difficult is it for you to stretch yourself in this way – making yourself a bit uncomfortable financially?

When have you given in a way that really tested/challenged your trust in God?

What was the outcome?

When have you experienced a greater feeling of life through this type of sacrificial giving?

In what potential ways are you feeling called to place a greater trust in God vs. your finances?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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