

Small Group Curriculum

Week of 01-06-13

1. Have a volunteer read Deuteronomy 8.
2. The children of Israel were a nation of slaves, and more recently a nation of nomads. How are their fortunes about to change?
3. When Israel was a slave nation, what do you think their attitudes were toward possessions and property?
4. How do you think their attitudes might have changed when they became a nation of nomads?
5. What changes would you expect to see in their attitudes toward possessions after they settled into the Promised Land?
6. According to Moses, what spiritual dangers accompanied their prosperity?
7. How did God provide for the Israelites during their time of wandering in the wilderness?
8. According to verses 6 and 10, what are proper responses to God's generosity?
9. In the sermon, Pastor Derek taught that "stewardship" defines the proper relationship between a Christ-follower and his or her possessions. Which of Moses' commands contribute to this posture of stewardship?
10. According to this text, how can forgetting that God is the source of wealth lead to pride?
11. How would you describe our culture's attitude toward money and possessions? What spiritual dangers accompany these attitudes?
12. How would an attitude of stewardship help you safeguard against these dangers?
13. Pastor Derek listed fear and greed as two dangers bound up in consumerism. Which of these do you find yourself fighting the most? Why?
14. What's one step you could take to be a better steward of what God has given you?