

# community group discussion questions

## february 27, 2022

### *Connect to Each Other*

1. Thinking of your life over the past year, what is a blessing you've received that you are praising God for?
2. Who is the most contented person you know?

### *Connect to God*

1. Paul writes in 1 Timothy, **"godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it...For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (6:6-7, 10)**. We've all likely heard that last line. How do you see these words play out in the modern world?
2. Pastor Schlie notes in his message that salvation is a gift we receive regardless of whether we "walk the talk" in our life of faith. We are saved because Jesus died for our sins. There is nothing we can do to earn our way to heaven: "Salvation is freely given to all who believe—whether you fully participate in a life of discipleship or not" (Chuck Schlie).
  - a) How does knowing your salvation is assured through trust in Jesus's promises impact your discipleship?
  - b) Discuss how God's wisdom is demonstrated in letting us choose whether or not to be "all in" on a life of discipleship.
  - c) How would you explain to a non-believer that "walking the talk" is a great guideline but not a requirement to be a Christian? Is there anything innately contradictory about believing in Jesus and then picking and choosing which of His teachings to follow? Explain your reasoning.

### *Apply the Teaching*

1. Jubilee Sunday is all about responding to God's blessings with trust and thankfulness. There are three actions steps to take:
  - a) Pray about your financial commitment to Messiah for the next year.
  - b) Give an "over and above" offering to God through Messiah.
  - c) Join the 90 Day Tithing Challenge.

Visit [MessiahStCharles.org/Give-Now](https://MessiahStCharles.org/Give-Now) to print a pledge card, make a Jubilee gift, and sign up for the 90 Day Tithing Challenge.

2. Money can be an emotional topic. Many of us operate more from a mindset of scarcity than a mindset of abundance. Reflect on which mindset you have and how it affects your giving.

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