

Small Group Bible Study

Psalm 112:1-7

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. NRSV

1 Timothy 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. NIV

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. NRSV

1 Chronicles 29:11-14

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. NIV

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First Reading

One person reads the scripture passage aloud slowly as others follow along.
Each person mentions a phrase or verse to which he or she is particularly drawn.

Second Reading

Another person reads the passage aloud.
Each person writes a response to the following: *What this passage touches in my life today.*

Each person shares his/her reflections briefly, using the following sentence:

“I hear; I see; I _____.”

Third Reading

Another person reads the passage.
Each person writes a response to the following: *From what I've heard and shared, how does God invite me to change? This week, how does God want me to be, or what does God want me to do? Be as specific as appropriate.*

Each person shares briefly using the following sentence:

“I believe God wants me to _____.”

Each person prays aloud for the person on his or her left, perhaps repeating just what was shared in the prior step. “O God, help _____ to _____.”
