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TALK IT OVER

Choose A Better Future Today

Uncommon Cents, Part 5

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

Scriptures

Genesis 25:27-34 (NIV), Ecclesiastes 7:4 (NLT), Hebrews 12:16-17 (NIV), Psalm 112:1-3 (NIV84)

Questions

1. In what ways have you been successful in the past? In those instances, did you start with the end in mind? If not, what factors helped you be successful?
2. Pick one of the six areas in life: Relational, Physical, Mental, Spiritual, Vocational, Financial. Describe that area 10-years ago, today, and 10-years from now. How did your relationship with Christ affect your growth? What were the positive habits you developed and how do you maintain them moving forward?
3. Genesis 25:27-34 depicts consequences of immediate decisions and future desires. At times we give up something we feel is not important in order to gratify an intense need. On what can we focus so that we do not give in to these temptations? How do we overcome temptations to obtain a better life?
4. How have you prepared to pass on wealth to the next generation? How do you define what the next generation will inherit? What is your inheritance and legacy? With whom do you wish to share the inheritance of Jesus?
5. Hebrews 12:17 teaches us that like Esau we cannot change what has been done. As a result, when we look at our past visions for our future, have we truly aimed for what we most desire? Why or why not? If you feel led, talk about times you have settled for something less than desired in the past, and what you would do differently.

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

1. Consider taking the Group Health Assessment in your small group to see how your small group is balancing the five purposes, and to get suggested next steps for each purpose:
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