

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"COVET CONTENTMENT" SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

Too often we view the Laws or Commandments of God as if God is angry with us, pointing His finger at us and saying, "You better behave or I'm gonna getcha!" But is this the tone of the Commandments? What are God's heart intentions in giving us the Commandments? We believe God has given us His Commandments so that the life we live would be filled with joy, full, and satisfying, as we bring Him honor and care for His creation. How do we do this? Easy, just Love God and Love people. Maybe not so easy.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc. Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

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## OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE:

*About 2 minutes*

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer. Consider reading Psalm 104:24-31 as part of the opening worship/prayer time.

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## BIG IDEA:

*A minute to read*

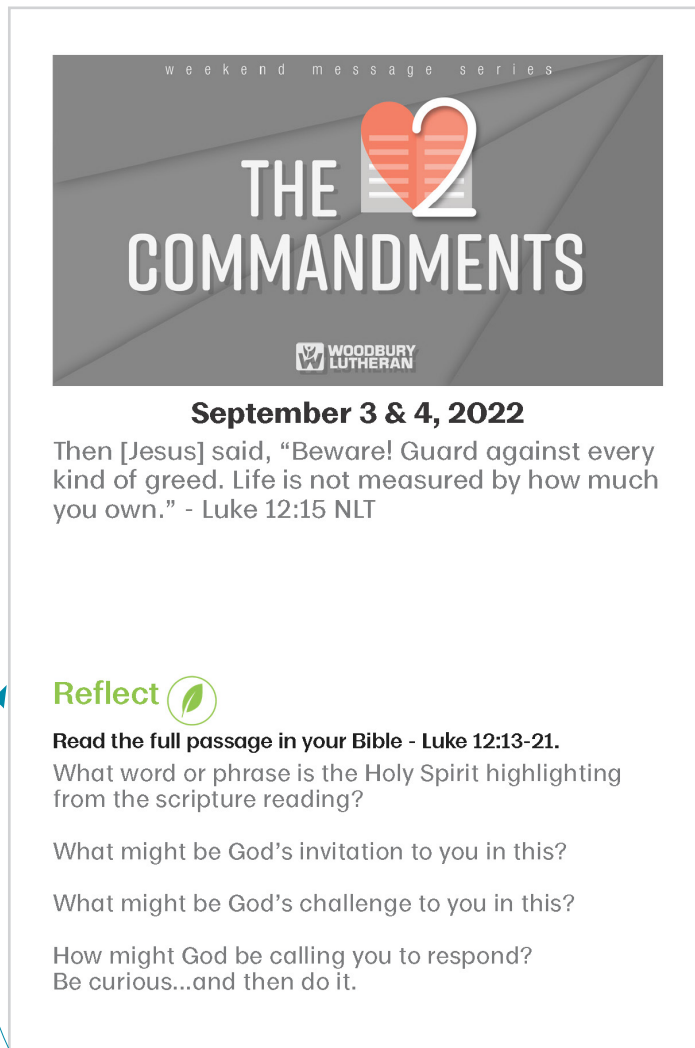
The heart that covets says "There has to be more" the heart that is content says "This is enough." One is restless, the other is at peace. One sees emptiness the other fullness. One wants to take, the other is thankful to have received. One focused on self the other free to focus on anything and everything else. If we're going to covet something let it be that we yearn, desire, crave contentment and the peace that comes with it. And then, let's use the energy we would have spent wanting what our neighbor has to serve.

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## INTRO QUESTION:

*About 10 minutes*

Share High's/Low's in your life recently. How did you see God at work in these moments?




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# THE COMMANDMENTS

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Then [Jesus] said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." - Luke 12:15 NLT

**Reflect** 

**Read the full passage in your Bible - Luke 12:13-21.**

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might be God's invitation to you in this?

What might be God's challenge to you in this?

How might God be calling you to respond?  
Be curious...and then do it.

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## SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

*About 40-45 minutes*

We all desire rich, meaningful relationships. Re-read Luke 12:21. What would a rich, meaningful relationship with Jesus look like for you?

Read Proverbs 30:8b-9. What is asked for here and why? Describe the relationship you think the writer desires to have with God.

Read Philippians 4:10-19. Paul describes himself as having learned the secret of contentment in every situation. What do you think makes the difference for one person growing in contentment versus another growing in discontentment in the same situation?

List the riches you have been given because of Jesus and his redeeming work on the cross.

Take a moment to respond with praise and thanks to God.



## DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**

**What might God be inviting you to do?**

## 5 CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

*About 10 minutes*

Reflect on the Scripture Card Prayer Prompt individually.

The leader or apprentice will open in prayer and allow a time for "popcorn" prayer from group members. The leader or apprentice will close the prayer.

# TAKE IT DEEPER



### Pray

Do a bit of reflecting on the impact our culture is having on you related to contentment. Where are you feeling temptation? Share this with God.

Talk to God about the condition of your heart when it comes to greed and contentment...is it restless or at peace?

Thank God that he sent Jesus to set you free from sin and being consumed with self.

### Live It Out

*Pray Proverbs 30:8b-9 each day this week. After reading these verses reflect on the gifts and blessings you have been given. Pray each day asking God to increase your contentment and your satisfaction with his care and provision.*

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### LIVE IT OUT:

*About 2 minutes*

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to take the steps noted. Discuss the experience the next time the group gathers.