

Small Group Discussion Guide

Formed By... | *What is forming you - and who are you becoming?*

Part 5: The Freedom of Enough

BIG Idea: Jesus forms us into people who can recognize when we have enough, honor God first, and leave room in our lives to be generous when need arises.

Application: Decide what enough looks like, make firstfruits giving a settled priority, and create financial margin so generosity can become a way of life rather than an occasional emergency.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What is something you once really wanted to buy, only to discover that the excitement wore off much faster than you expected?

1. What part of Pastor Brian's message stayed with you most, and why?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-34. Jesus moves from treasure to desire, then mastery, then worry. What connections do you see between those four things?
3. Brian said, **"More will never tell you when you have enough."** Where do you see our culture continually moving the line of "enough"? Where are you most tempted to let that happen personally?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What is the difference between biblical contentment and simply becoming complacent or unmotivated?
5. Brian said, **"This is not a sermon against having things. It is a sermon against things having us."** How can we enjoy God's provision with gratitude without allowing possessions or wealth to become our security?
6. Read Proverbs 3:9. What does giving God the "first" communicate that giving Him whatever happens to remain at the end may not?
7. Read Malachi 3:8-10. What practical purpose did the storehouse serve among God's people? How can we carry forward the principle of faithfully supporting God's work without turning tithing into a means of earning salvation or God's favor?
8. Pastor Brian challenged those who have never established a practice of tithing to begin. What financial habits, lifestyle choices, fears, or assumptions can make putting God first difficult?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. According to this passage, what is one of God's purposes in providing for and enriching His people? How does that challenge the idea that financial blessing exists primarily to increase our lifestyle?

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10. **“Generosity requires margin.”** What might creating financial margin look like practically in your life? What is one “next yes” God may be asking of you when it comes to contentment, firstfruits, or generosity?

Prayer Prompt: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where money, possessions, fear, comparison, or lifestyle have begun forming your heart. Thank God for what He has already provided. Ask Him to teach you contentment, give you faith to honor Him first, and show you where greater margin could make you more available to the needs of others. Pray that Lifehouse would become a church marked by faithful firstfruits giving, open-handed generosity, and the freedom to say yes when God places a need before us.