

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

Do you like surprises? Why or why not?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read James 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:6-12.

What does it mean to be unstained from the world? What would you consider to be your greatest temptation toward worldliness?

What is contentment? Why is it crucial for a healthy view of finances? How can someone in financial struggles find contentment? How can someone in financial surplus find contentment?

Materialism run rampant in our culture. (The average American household carries +\$15,000 in credit card debt, showing we will spend outside our means to acquire more stuff.) What are the symptoms of materialism in your life?

> Read Matthew 6:19-24.

What do Jesus's words tell us about the dangers of money? In what ways does money exert its power over you?

What steps can you take to cast out the "god of Money" in your life?



> Read Genesis 19:30-38; Proverbs 22:6.

Lot's daughters learned to compromise with the world just like Lot did throughout his life. What was the end result?

How does the story of Lot and his daughters warn you of the importance of spiritual parenting?

If you have children, write down two ways you will "train up your children" this week. What are some habits you can start to develop? (Whether you have children or not, share your wisdom and ideas with others in your group.)

TAKE IT HOME

- Lot was guilty of over-indulging in his pursuit for pleasure. Is experiencing pleasure/happiness wrong?
- Read Psalm 8; 122:1; 127:5; Proverbs 5:18-19. What are some sources of God-given pleasure/happiness in this world?
- What are symptoms of inappropriate pleasure-seeking in your life?
- Are there pleasures in which you over-indulge? How can you control this?
- What steps should you take to pursue finding your true pleasure in God?