



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**February 23, 2020**  
**Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9**  
**“Greed and God”**

**QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1) 5:19 explains, as Tony said, “the gifts that God gives us and the power to enjoy those gifts come separately.”

- a. Give an example of something you thought would satisfy you, but once you had it (or achieved it) you found that you still felt empty?
- b. Give an example of something that previously did not satisfy, but now that you view it properly (as a gift from God) you now can enjoy it.

2) Tony asked the question, “Will you and I turn away from greed, and pursue the God who satisfies the longing of every hungry soul who turns to him?”

- a. What does it look like to “turn away from greed”?
- b. What is the difference between the satisfaction that God can bring and the (so-called) “satisfaction” that money and greed can bring?

3) Responding to 5:8-9 Tony said, “we should grieve over broken systems that trample on the poor, and do what we can to promote economic justice.” How can we promote economic justice, and oppose other forms of injustice, in such a way that we point others to the God of perfect justice?

4) This text lists three pleasures through which we can enjoy God, 1) eating, 2) drinking, and 3) Working. How do these simple pleasures remind us of God and of our eternity with him?

5) Tony pointed out that if we view our possessions rightly, we will “use them to bless others immensely.” How have you found that generosity can prevent or work against a greedy heart?

6) How does this text help us present God to unbelievers around us who are so desperately searching for satisfaction?

**MUSICAL WORSHIP (Optional):**

Tony ended his sermon by quoting the hymn, Be Thou My Vision, which looks to God for our ultimate satisfaction. Tonight would be a great night to sing this song (if you feel so inclined). If singing is not a normal part of your current rhythm, this may be a good opportunity to introduce it to your group. If you are not comfortable with leading in song, it is something that you may be able to delegate to a musically inclined member of your group. If you do not have a musician in your group, this is an easy song to sing a cappella (if you send out or print out the lyrics).