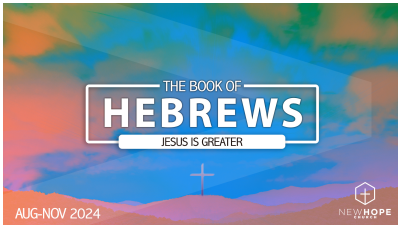


# LIVE GENEROUSLY DECEMBER 1-7



New Hope | Small Groups



## **SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**SAFE GROUP:** everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** What is said in the group stays in the group.

**LISTEN:** really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

**PAUSE:** Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

**NO "CROSS TALK":** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

**NO FIXING:** We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

**NO RESCUING:** When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

**SHARING:** Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

**BE SELF-AWARE:** Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

**USE "I" STATEMENTS:** It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

**CONFLICT:** When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

## **Small Group Evening Schedule:**

10min - Hangout time

5min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements  
*(It is good to review the guidelines on the left once a month)*

### **OPENING QUESTIONS:**

Was there any specific thing that you connected with from the message this Sunday? What point made the most impact for you?

Is there anything you'd like to go deeper in today that you heard?

40min – **Main Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Sam taught a powerful message on God's heart for generosity. Today you're going to read the passage and dig into topic of wealth, generosity and godly living.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What stands out to you about what you have read and heard so far? What are one or two takeaways?

2. What dangers does Paul identify in verses 9 and 10? What does he say is the result of these things?

3. What is Timothy told to pursue in verses 11 and 12? (Identify each thing)

4. What do verses 17-19 tell us about how we are to understand and approach wealth?

### **CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:**

1. To what degree are you currently content? What are the sources of discontent in your life? What can we learn from this passage about how to respond to our discontentment and how can we practically apply this?

2. Is Paul saying that being rich is evil in this passage? What is he specifically warning against (see verse 9 and 10)? Is there anything from your life experience that would confirm or refute Paul's warning?

3. According to this passage, what is a Christian understanding of wealth? How should we view our resources? How should we use them?

10min - **Share prayer requests & pray.**

(one person write requests and email or text to the rest of the group)

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