



Ecclesiastes 4 & Numbers 11

Envy

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Small Group Discussion Guide:

These are questions you could possibly use for small group discussion. Consider what questions work good for your group and what doesn't.

Envy causes us to compare and compete with others in an unhealthy way. It brings arrogance when we're winning and discouragement when we're not. It robs us of contentment and causes us to feel like, as Solomon said, we are chasing after the wind.

Opening Questions (pick one or two to answer as a group)

1. As a child, was there something you desired that a friend had?
2. What do you think of the Rick Warren quote: "Envy is resenting God's goodness to others and ignoring God's goodness to me."
3. What stood out to you the most from the sermon on Sunday?

Understanding Envy

4. Proverbs 14:30 says that envy rots our bones. What are the negative effects of Envy?
5. What currently triggers the strongest feelings of envy for you? Is it social media, work, family, or something else? Explain.
6. Pastor Bryan said envy thrives on comparison. How have you experienced this to be true?

Look at James 3:16

6. What do we learn about Envy from this verse?
7. How is envy a gateway to other sins (every evil practice)?
8. In what areas are you most inclined to be envious of others?

Ecclesiastes 4:4-6

7. King Solomon writes that envy is like chasing after the wind. What are some ways this comparison is true?



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8. What do you think the meaning of verse 6 is?
9. How would you apply these verses to your life?

Numbers 11:1-9

Envy forgets the goodness of God in the past

10. Go around the group and let people share ways God has been good in the past.
11. How might remembering the past help you to not envy in the present?

Envy cripples our ability to enjoy the present

12. Have you missed out on blessings from God because you were captivated by envy?
13. What are some ways that you have seen envy affect the church and Christian relationships?