



USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: GREED is a paper tiger—a stoichea—a system of evil that prowls around our world, looking for people, countries, companies, marriages, and families to devour. As followers of Christ, we are called to be different—to combat and agitate those powers and to erect in the teeth of those structures signs of God's new world. The way we do that is by practicing and repeating the act and attitude of generosity.

» Main Points

- Percentage Priority Giving
- "Wealth is the gap between your ego and your income." - Morgan Housel
- The Antidote to the Paper Tiger of Greed is **Generosity**

» Getting Started

- What is something you wish you could have more of? What would you do with it?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Galatians 4:3-11](#) (The Message Version); [Luke 12:15](#); [Matthew 6:19-21](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

 reachout

- How can you be generous this week? Make a donation to a local non-profit, find someone that you know that could use some help, maybe their car needs repairs, or they have some hospital bills. Find a way to meet a need.

 growdeep

- Reread Matthew 6:19-21. What alternatives does Jesus propose with respect to treasures? What is the link between treasure and heart?
- What is the difference between what Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21) and the idea that "Where your heart is, your treasure will follow?" What happens when you try to live out the second phrase rather than the first?
- What prevents people from being generous with their finances? What do you need to do to be more generous with your finances?

 partner with families

- This week, to combat greed, set up a generosity challenge for your family. How could each member of your family give in a meaningful way this week? Maybe your kids could find a toy or clothing item in great shape they could donate to someone in need. Maybe you could each choose a dollar amount and donate it this week. Get creative, talk with your kids about today's message and put generosity into action.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- "The only way we can be generous is to understand the generosity of the Father." Make a list of the ways you have seen, experienced, or received the generosity of God.
- Close by asking God to show you the ways he has been generous to you and how you can be more generous to others.