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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Create your own icebreaker using the words summer, alien hot sauce, sunshine, fireworks, grill, ice cream and "get to the chopper!". Include your Icebreaker in your attendance report, and the best ideas will be used in the month of August.

1. How often has the drive to want more been something you've had to kick to the curb? (Please pardon the pun!) Follow up question: which of the three fallacies resonated/resonates with you?
2. Happiness, meaning or security...3 things stuff & money won't help you acquire. Read [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#), [Luke 12:15](#) and [Proverbs 23:5](#) and process the principles God is laying out.
3. The actual products of the desire to acquire are expenses, uneasiness, pain, accountability...yikes! Read [Ecclesiastes 5:11-12](#), [14](#), [17](#), [Luke 12:48b](#); [16:11](#) and [Ecclesiastes 4:8](#), [5:15](#). Seeing these truths, what does that do for your desire to acquire?
4. God, as always, has a plan for our money and stuff.
  - A. Be thankful for it—[Ecclesiastes 5:19](#)
  - B. Be generous with it—[Ecclesiastes 11:1](#)
  - C. Be godly with it—[Luke 16:13](#)
  - D. Any areas for you to take steps in this week?! Or celebrate victory in with your group?
5. What percentage of your focus is on God's plan for stuff and money, what percentage is all you? What steps can or will you take this week to swing that number in the right direction?

Day One: [Psalm 29](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 19](#)

Day Three: [Judges 5](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 29](#)

Day Five: [Acts 1](#)

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## PERSONAL GUIDE



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## NEW CAR SMELL



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### MESSAGE NOTES

The reality is that every single person...is driven by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Drive = to guide, control, \_\_\_\_\_.

The drive to always want more is based on 3 \_\_\_\_\_:  
it will make me *more happy*; more \_\_\_\_\_; and more important/  
popular/accepted.

### 1. The Desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't Produce...

- A. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#)) - Your \_\_\_\_\_ power will always exceed your earning power.
- B. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ - our net worth and our self-worth are completely \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Luke 12:15](#)).
- C. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Proverbs 23:5](#)).

### 2. The Desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Actually Produces...

- A. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Ecclesiastes 5:11](#)) - *If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, so is the \_\_\_\_\_.*
- B. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Ecclesiastes 5:12](#)).
- C. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ (if we lose it, [Ecclesiastes 5:14, 17](#)) - wealth can produce great \_\_\_\_\_ turmoil.
- D. Greater \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Luke 12:48b; 16:11](#)) - life is preparation for \_\_\_\_\_, and God uses money as a test of our character. Our lives are \_\_\_\_\_ by money (note [Ecclesiastes 4:8; 5:15](#)). *Where there's a will, there's always \_\_\_\_\_.* (Warren)

### 3. God's Plan for My \_\_\_\_\_ and Things

- A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for it (note [Ecclesiastes 5:19](#)) - everything we have is God's \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Deuteronomy 8:17-18](#)). For genuine Christ followers, thanksgiving isn't a holiday, it's a \_\_\_\_\_. Note [Ecclesiastes 7:14](#). We can be happy when we realize in God's economy, happiness isn't getting whatever we want; it's \_\_\_\_\_ enjoying whatever we have (note [Ecclesiastes 6:9](#)). What does it take to make you \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with it (note [Ecclesiastes 11:1](#)) - God is very interested in how much of His money (He owns it all!) we'll keep for ourselves (note [Luke 21:1-4; 1 Timothy 6:17-19](#)). Giving/tithing is God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan for us. When we give, we break the grip of \_\_\_\_\_, and we begin to resemble God.
- C. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with it (note [Luke 16:13](#)) - whatever we are unable to give away \_\_\_\_\_; we don't own it. We can be possessed by possessions and consumed by \_\_\_\_\_. My calendar (\_\_\_\_\_) and my bank account (\_\_\_\_\_) indicate what's first in my life.

### WHAT'S DRIVING ME?:

- God doesn't need our money and stuff, but He wants all of us and money \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- God wants to be first and \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives (note [Matthew 6:19-21](#)).

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### MESSAGE NOTES

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Drive = to guide, control, direct.

The drive to always want more is based on 3 fallacies: it will make me *more* happy; more secure; and more important/popular/accepted.

### 1. The Desire to Acquire Doesn't Produce...

- A. Greater happiness (note [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#)) - Your yearning power will always exceed your earning power.
- B. Greater meaning - our net worth and our self-worth are completely unrelated (note [Luke 12:15](#)).
- C. Greater security (note [Proverbs 23:5](#)).

### 2. The Desire to Acquire Actually Produces...

- A. Greater expenses (note [Ecclesiastes 5:11](#)) - *If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, so is the water bill.*
- B. Greater uneasiness (note [Ecclesiastes 5:12](#)).
- C. Greater pain (if we lose it, [Ecclesiastes 5:14, 17](#)) - wealth can produce great emotional turmoil.
- D. Greater accountability (note [Luke 12:48b](#); [16:11](#)) - life is preparation for eternity, and God uses money as a test of our character. Our lives are dominated by money (note [Ecclesiastes 4:8](#); [5:15](#)). *Where there's a will, there's always relatives.* (Warren)

### 3. God's Plan for My Dollars and Things

- A. Be thankful for it (note [Ecclesiastes 5:19](#)) - everything we have is God's gift (note [Deuteronomy 8:17-18](#)). For genuine Christ followers, thanksgiving isn't a holiday, it's a lifestyle. Note [Ecclesiastes 7:14](#). We can be happy when we realize in God's economy, happiness isn't getting whatever we want; it's gratefully enjoying whatever we have (note [Ecclesiastes 6:9](#)). What does it take to make you happy?
- B. Be generous with it (note [Ecclesiastes 11:1](#)) - God is very interested in how much of His money (He owns it all!) we'll keep for ourselves (note [Luke 21:1-4](#); [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#)). Giving/tithing is God's saving plan for us. When we give, we break the grip of materialism, and we begin to resemble God.
- C. Be godly with it (note [Luke 16:13](#)) - whatever we are unable to give away owns us; we don't own it. We can be possessed by possessions and consumed by consumption. My calendar (time) and my bank account (money) indicate what's first in my life.

### WHAT'S DRIVING ME?:

- God doesn't need our money and stuff, but He wants all of us and money represents us.
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