

Gilead Adult Small Groups - Book Study

Radical – Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream by David Platt

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Chapter 6 – How Much Is Enough?

1. This chapter on American wealth against a backdrop of world poverty is the longest chapter in this book. Whenever money or resources are considered in church, it is best if great care is taken in the subject. Why? For many our standard of living represents our worth. Thankfully, Gilead is a rare church where the giving is extraordinary but we need to consider even deeper issues. Read Luke 16:19-31. What was the rich man's problem? What was Lazarus blessed with?
2. Read Mark 10:17-27. What was standing in the way of the rich young ruler's ability to trust Christ? According to this story what does it mean to "trust Christ"?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Share how easy it is for things (or lack thereof) to rob us of contentment. What is contentment to you? Do you view self-denial as difficult? Why?
4. With the world hungry for the Gospel, as well as food, does this move you to dream about what Gilead could do once out of debt? Explain?