



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 03.24.24
Exodus 20:17 // Dale Piscura

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 Near the end of Pastor Dale's sermon, he asked a poignant question: Are you happy? What is your answer to that question?

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min):

There is no sermon recap video this week. Read Exodus 20:17 aloud together.

Study & Discussion (25 min)

- 2 Coveting involves a desire that overtakes a person...a desire to acquire things that don't belong to him or her. Desire, in and of itself, is not bad. See Matthew 7:7-8 and 1 Corinthians 14:1 for examples. Compare those verses with James 4:1-3.
 - What's the difference between a good desire and a bad desire? Name some examples.
 - When does a good desire cross the line and become a bad desire?
- 3 In the sermon, one of the nine facts given about covetousness is that "it motivates a person to carry out a sinful act." The Bible is overflowing with people who committed sins that were motivated by their coveting hearts.
 - Reflect on the Bible characters that Pastor Dale listed. If you are unfamiliar with their stories or need to refresh your memory, the Bible passages are below.
 - Satan (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17)
 - Adam and Eve (Genesis 3)
 - Cain (Genesis 4:1-16)
 - Achan (Joshua 7)
 - David (2 Samuel 11:1–12:23)
 - Ahab (1 Kings 21)
 - Judas (John 12:1-8, Matthew 26:14-16, 47-49; 27:3-10)
 - The Pharisees (John 12:9-19)



④ “Covetousness emerges from an ungrateful heart.” What causes an ungrateful heart?

⑤ Pastor Dale said that the cure to covetousness is contentment. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Paul writes that he learned to be content. We can learn to be content, too. How can we cultivate contentment in our lives?

APPLY (15 MIN)

- What do you have a tendency to covet? Using the following list from the sermon, identify the category in which it fits. (Material, Financial, Social, Sexual, Career, Physical Appearance, Technological, Educational, Spiritual, and Time.)
- What are some practical ways you can personally guard against covetousness and move toward contentment?

PRAY (15 MIN)

- This is Holy Week. Read Mark 14:32-36. We can look to our Savior Jesus as our perfect example of contentment, even as He was on the brink of facing His death on the cross. Jesus never sinned, so His prayer shows us that it is possible to be content and sorrowful at the same time. It also reflects a key component of contentment; namely, that we can rest in God the Father’s sovereignty.
 - Thank God for every undeserved kindness in your life, including salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - Ask God to help you submit to His sovereignty and trust His plan.
 - Pray for deeper contentment and gratitude in your heart.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 3.24.24

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER GUIDE

Easter Digital Devotion

You will find attached below a digital devotion for Holy Week. It begins today and concludes on Easter Sunday. Each day you'll find readings from Scripture, a short devotional, songs for reflection, and prayer prompts to fix your eyes and heart on Jesus. We hope you'll use it. We've also created a Spotify playlist that goes along with the devo which you can find [HERE](#) or in the devotion itself. Click [HERE](#) to download the devotion.



Good Friday & Easter Sunday Services // March 29 - 31, 2024

You are invited to join us for our Good Friday service at 6:30pm on March 29th at either our Broadview Heights or Brunswick campus. Our Easter Sunday services will be taking place at both our Broadview Hts. & Brunswick campuses as well. We'll be having 4 services at Broadview Hts. (Saturday at 5pm or Sunday at 8am, 9:30am, or 11:15am) and 3 services at Brunswick (8am, 9:30am, or 11:00am). Additionally, CVCKids will be providing a kids giant ball pit at the Broadview Heights campus after the 5pm service Saturday evening. We'd encourage you to consider who you can invite to Easter Weekend.