



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. Dissatisfaction abounds in our culture today. When we don't get what we want, it fills us with fear. A few examples: "If I don't have the right body type...", "If my children don't get good grades...", "If my church sings songs I don't know...", "If the people around me don't wear a mask...if people around me make \*me\* wear a mask..." In what areas do you find yourself dissatisfied and fearful?
2. Much of the messaging around us is fear-based, because fear motivates people to buy. For example, "Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ happen to you! Buy This!" The more afraid we are, the more we buy. Have you ever made fear-based purchases? How did you feel three hours after you made the purchase? What is the reason you think you felt this way?
3. Jesus changes the narrative. The world says, "worry", yet Jesus says, "Don't worry". Quarrels spring up where there was once peace and people may not want to hear sound instruction (2 Tim. 6:3-5). What are your thoughts about what you may be hearing or seeing on social media? How do you engage with social media (post, read only, comment)? What does this do for you? How does Jesus' message of "don't worry" apply to social media, in your opinion?
4. We live in a society that tells us that happiness is tied to a WHAT (material things, power, status) and not a WHO and when someone takes that away, we respond emotionally because we are afraid that it will be more difficult to be happy without that "what". Have you found that to be true in your own life? How so?
5. Read Matt. 5:1-3. The word "blessed" means happy. What does verse three say to you personally?
6. The "poor in spirit" in the Matthew verses is referring to the those who turn from temptations; they are submitted to God and place more value on the WHO rather than the WHAT. Do you struggle in this area? If not, how have you been able to accomplish overcoming that struggle? If you do, how can we pray with you and for you?

**"You Get What You Get"**

**Week of October 25, 2020**

### Main Idea

***Don't worry. Don't be afraid.***

***God knows what He is doing  
in you, through you, and for  
you.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

**Read aloud:**

**1 Tim. 6:3-5**

**Matt. 5: 1-3**

### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you  
can practically live out your faith everyday.*