**Pursuing Godly Gain Instead of Worldly Wealth (1 Timothy 6)**

**Conversation Starter:** Do you consider yourself to be content? What are your material necessities (the most basic things you need to be content)?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:3-21**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. In verses 4-5, what does Paul describe as the source of false teachings? What type of issues are these?
2. a. Why does Paul shift to the topics of contentment and the love of money (vv. 6-10)?

b. What are Paul’s basic requirements for contentment? How do these differ from your own? According to this passage, do you struggle with the “love of money”? If so, how would you overcome it?

1. a. What does Paul encourage Timothy (and us today) to pursue instead of material wealth? How would an *eternal* perspective be helpful here?

b. What are ways we typically pursue material or worldly wealth? How can we instead pursue what Paul commands?

1. After dealing with those who long for money, Paul addresses those who’ve already acquired it. What are his instructions to them? What can we learn from what Paul is saying?
2. How can we live out what we’ve learned in 1 Timothy 6 this week? In what ways has 1 Timothy as a whole encouraged you to live out your faith over the past few weeks?