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I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect - life in its fullness until you overflow!
John 10:10 (TPT)

BIG IDEA – Possessions will never give me purpose, value, or worth, the way Jesus can.

1. Earthly possessions will never _____ me.

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth - except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers! Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

2. Earthly possessions won't bring me _____.

People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night's sleep.
Ecclesiastes 5:12 (NLT)

"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (NLT)

3. Earthly possessions can bring me _____.

There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver. Money is put into risky investments that turn sour, and everything is lost. In the end, there is nothing left to pass on to one's children.
Ecclesiastes 5:13-14 (NLT)

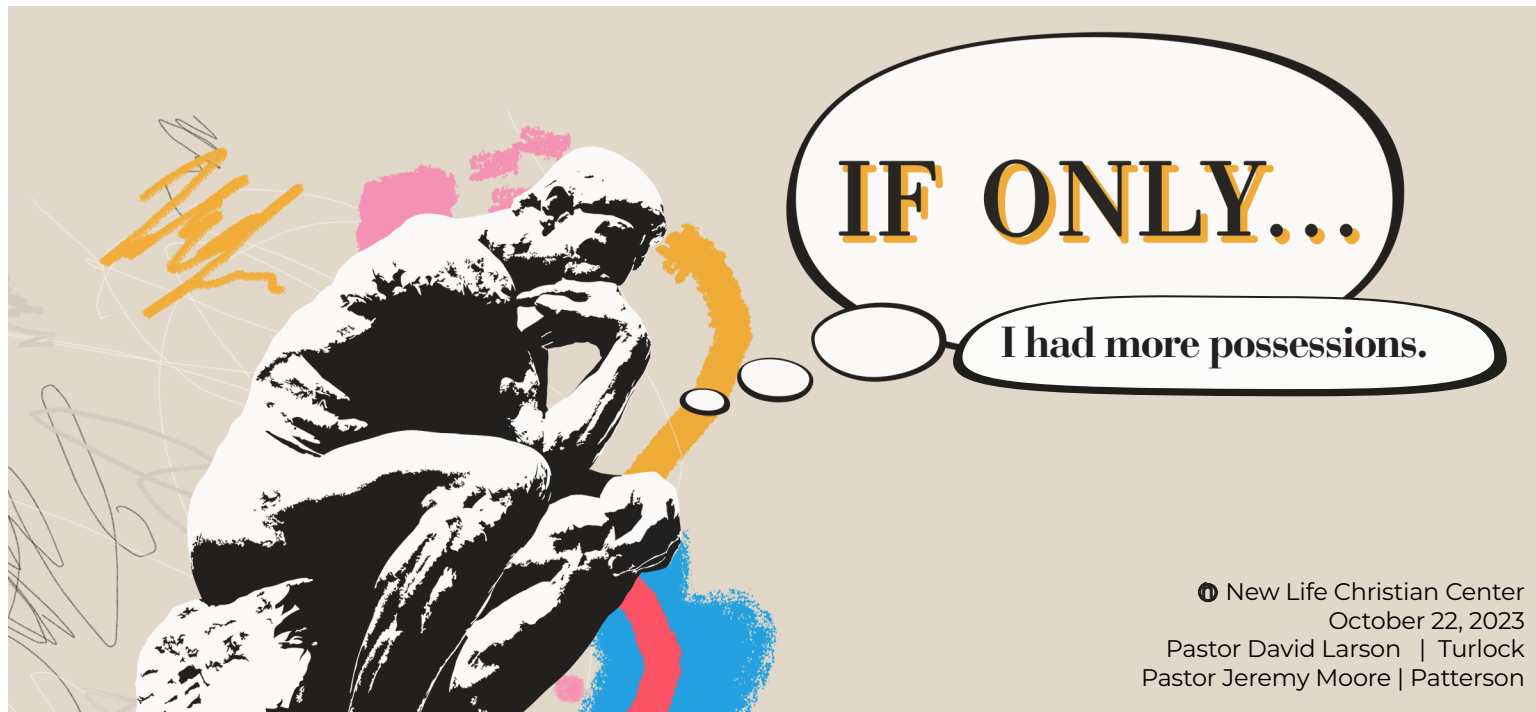
All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. Ecclesiastes 5:17 (NIV)

Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal. 2 Corinthians 8:13-14 (NLT)

4. You can't _____ with you.

We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us. And this, too, is a very serious problem. People leave this world no better off than when they came. All their hard work is for nothing - like working for the wind. Ecclesiastes 5:15-16 (NLT)

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)



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1. Earthly possessions will never SATISFY me.

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth - except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers! Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

2. Earthly possessions won't bring me PEACE.

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"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (NLT)

3. Earthly possessions can bring me HARM.

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4. You can't TAKE IT with you.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 2 | October 22, 2023

"IF ONLY... I had more possessions."

[CONNECT]

Do you like yard sales / garage sales? What is it about buying someone's else 'stuff' that brings us enjoyment? Especially when we already have too much as it is?

[ENGAGE]

BIG IDEA - Possessions will never give purpose, value, or worth the way Jesus can.
What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

To prepare for this week's discussion, read Ecclesiastes 5:10-17, and discuss your first thoughts about what Solomon is communicating to his readers.

On a spiritual level, why is it part of our human nature to chase 'stuff' instead of chasing Jesus? Why do we have the tendency to pursue possession over God?

Earthly possessions will never satisfy you. What's going on in our hearts...when God's blessings aren't enough? Why can't we be grateful for what we DO possess rather than what we do NOT possess?

Discuss what it means to be "satisfied"? What are some of the feelings we get that are connected with the word "satisfaction"?

Earthly possessions won't be your peace? Read John 14:27 and discuss the "peace" that Jesus gives...

Earthly possessions have the ability to bring you harm. Recall the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16-22) and see the spiritual "harm" it brought him. How can this affect us today?

You can't take it with you. Read Ecclesiastes 5:15-16. Knowing you can't take it with you, what legacy are you leaving here on earth? What generational legacy are you leaving that's going to go beyond this life and into the kingdom of Heaven?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

This week:

Ask yourselves several soul searching questions that dig deep into the core of what may be missing in your life.

To whom or what is my value and worth connected?

What's missing in my life, to the point that I believe, "I don't have enough. I need more. I'm not satisfied with what I have."

What's going on in my heart... when God's blessings aren't enough? Why can't I be grateful for what I DO possess rather than what I do NOT possess?

