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"THE HEART OF
THE MATTER"

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See Matthew 5:21-29

2. Coveting exposes my _____ with what God has given me.

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3. Coveting causes me to _____ people.

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...for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people..." 1 Samuel 13:14 (NLT)

4. The antidote for coveting is _____.

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. Philippians 4:11-12 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NLT)

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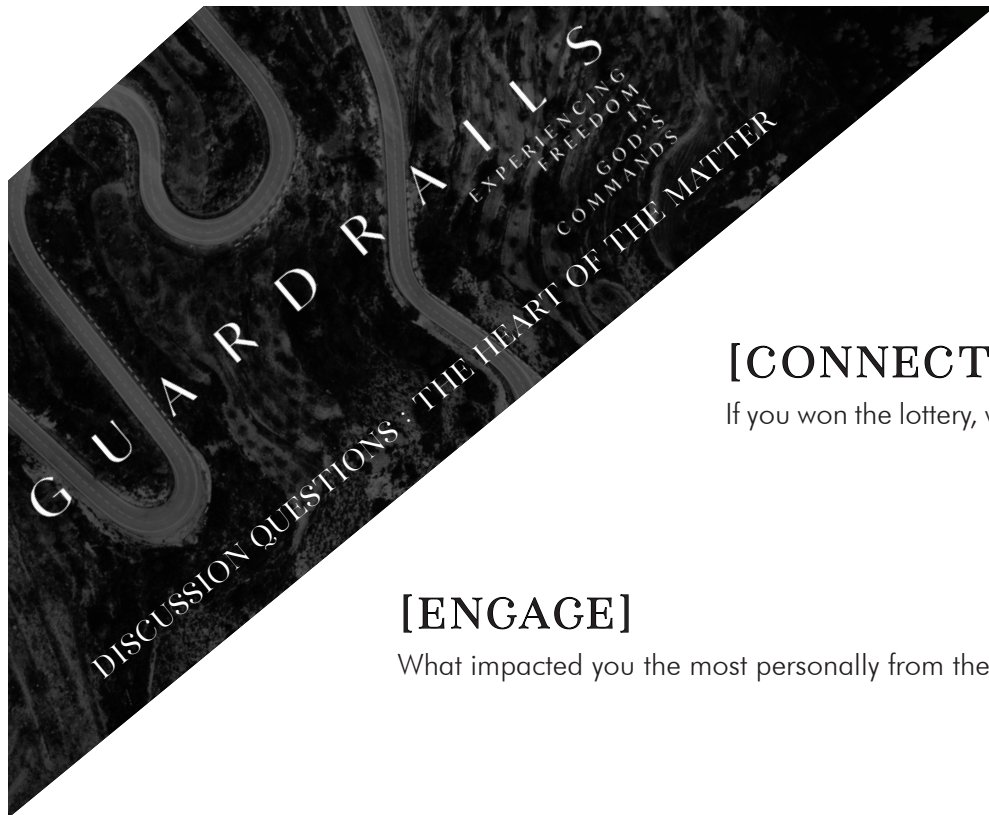
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[CONNECT]

If you won the lottery, what's the first thing you would buy?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read Exodus 20:17. Why do you think God expressed this in such direct terms and put specific details and parameters?

What is the fallout and consequences of coveting?

Why do you think God gave us a commandment that we can't see or know just by looking at someone?

Read Matthew 5:21-29. Why does Jesus care so much about the condition of our heart? What do our thoughts and desires have to do with our actions?

Read Luke 12:15. How do you think our culture would respond to Jesus words here? Why is this so counter-cultural?

Read Philippians 4:11-12. How would you explain Paul's perspective here? How can this become more true of you and how you view your possessions?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

If you feel comfortable, share with the group one area where you struggle with being jealous and envious over what someone else has. Pray for each other around this.