

TOPIC : Money/Materialism

SCRIPTURE : Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

SUPPLIES : photocopies of "Team One Point Values" and "Team Two Point Values" boxes (p. 43); several sheets of white, blue, pink, and yellow paper; scissors

Before the game, photocopy the "Team One Point Values" and "Team Two Point Values" boxes on page 43. You'll need one copy for each person. Cut each sheet of white, blue, pink, and yellow paper into small strips. The amount of paper you need depends on the number of students you have (see below).

Have participants form two teams. Give each member of Team One the following slips of paper: one pink slip, twenty white slips, ten yellow slips, and two blue slips. Give each member of Team Two the following slips of paper: one blue slip, twenty yellow slips, ten white slips, and two pink slips. Give each person on each team a copy of the appropriate point-value box.

Explain to teams that they'll spend the next few minutes bartering with one another to get as many of the highest value papers for their teams as possible. When you call time, the team with the most points from the slips of paper is the winning team.

Give groups about five minutes to see how many points they can gain. Congratulate everyone's accomplishment.

Team One Point Values

Pink—1000 points

White—10 points

Yellow—100 points

Blue—any value necessary to make a trade

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Team Two Point Values

Blue—1000 points

Yellow—10 points

White—100 points

Pink—any value necessary to make a trade

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DISCUSSION

- How is this game like the way we pursue money and material possessions?
- Is it OK to have a lot of money or material possessions? Explain.
- When does the pursuit of money and material possessions become harmful?
- How can pursuit of money and material possessions destroy our relationship with God?