

HILLSIDE STUDENTS

NOT EVEN A HINT | Greed

LEADER TOOLS

REMINDERS: Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🎮 *PLAY Silent Line Up!* Ask students to line up in a specific order without talking (e.g., by height, birth month, or alphabetical order by first name). Students must use gestures, signals, or other non-verbal cues to communicate and arrange themselves. Once the line-up is complete, have them confirm if they did it correctly.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: The Greek word pleonexia means "greed" or "covetousness." It literally means "a desire to have more." It's the restless itch that says what you have isn't enough - you need more stuff, more attention, more approval, more followers, more experiences. It's not just about money; it's a heart condition that's never satisfied. Jesus warned his followers to be on guard against all kinds of greed because life isn't found in stuff. Real life - full, abundant, satisfied life - comes from knowing him. Generosity is the antidote to greed. When we give freely, we loosen the grip that stuff has on our hearts and declare that Jesus, not possessions, is our treasure.

ICE-BREAKERS:

- Would you rather be covered in scales or feathers?

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- How would you explain 'greed' to a friend?
- **Read Luke 12:15.** What do you think Jesus means when He says, "all kinds of greed"?
- Why is greed dangerous for Christians?
- What are some areas where you struggle with greed?
- **Read John 10:10.** How does this verse give you hope when you're struggling with greed?
- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:14 & Luke 16:10.** How should we use our resources well if they're not our own? (ex: time, talent, money, stuff, etc.)
- What has God trusted you with? What are you doing with it?
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18.** What are some practical steps to take to guard against greed in your life? (ex: tithe, gratitude, etc.)
- **Challenge!** During this week, take time to create a gratitude list! Put it somewhere you can see, and practice coming back to it every day!

DISCUSSION

READING PLAN

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!

