

Week 6: The Word On...[SUCCESS] Sermon Date: 12/13 November Prepared by: Ben Molyneux

To be used during the week starting Monday 14 November

**Leaders** – feel free to adapt these questions to suit your group.

## 1. Getting Started.

At church over the weekend we considered the Bible's teaching on the topic of success. From the sermon, your discussions after church, and/or your own personal reflections, were there any things that stood out to you, any new insights or fresh challenges? Share together.

2. Look up the following passage and consider what the Bible says about....

## a. Work....

- Genesis 2:4-8, 3:17-19
- How does this fit with your experience of work?
- What do you love about your work?
- What do you dislike about your work?

## b. Idolatry....

- Exodus 20:1-6
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- In the 1 Timothy reading, is Paul suggesting it's anti-christian to be wealthy? Why or why not?
- What dangers does Paul see with wealth?
- What sort of dangers does the worldly idea of success expose us to?
- Discuss together, sharing from your own experiences, and consider what the Bible has to say about it.

## 3. Consider the following passages. How do they help us in this topic?

- Matthew 6:25-34
- Colossians 3:23-24
- What might "Christian" success look like according to the Bible?
- 4. Given all that we've looked at in this study, do you think it's ungodly to seek success in the world? How would you address this with another Christian person wrestling with this question?
- 5. **Pray together** In your time of prayer, please pray for our link missionaries on deputation at St Faith's next weekend, Steve & Narelle Etherington. Give thanks for their faithfulness in Bible translation work over many years and pray for an encouraging and uplifting time with them over the weekend.