



Discussion Guide for “Consumerism”

System Failure Week 4

Our Consumeristic culture tells us that the way to the “good life” is to get more, buy more, have more. But God prescribes that the “good life” is found by giving. When the Israelites were about to enter the land, God gave them some specific instructions of how to handle their resources. Don’t take it all for yourselves, leave some for the poor and foreigner among you. What practices can the church give us that will help us resist consumerism and embrace generosity.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)

[Psalm 32](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

[Leviticus 23:22](#)

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

RESOURCES

[Budget Sheet Resources](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. What is a good “growing up” moment that you remember?
2. What are some of the ways that you struggle with consumerism? Do you find yourself always wanting more?
3. How have you seen God provide for you? How has he invited you to participate in that provision?
4. If you were able to find extra funds in your budget, what would you do with them? What would you fund? Who would you help?