



Continuing the *Conversation*

The following questions are designed to be used for small group discussions as well as utilized for individual devotional time during the week. You will find that the questions and scripture passages correspond to our current sermon series. Feel free to tear this panel away from the rest of the bulletin and use the study guide, as well as the prayer requests on the back, as a prayer and devotional aid during the week.

GETTING STARTED

- What is your most prized possession? How did you come to get this thing? How much did you have to pay for it? Why does it mean so much to you? What kind of feelings does this thing bring up in you?

NEVER ENOUGH

- Have you ever wanted something so badly only to find, once you got it, that it didn't bring the satisfaction you hoped it would? How did you deal with that disappointment?
- Do you think that our desire to have more stuff is a natural part of being human or is it something that we learn?
- What do you think we are hoping is going to happen as we seek more and better stuff?
- If you were to take an inventory of your conversations in any given day, what percentage of that time do you think you spend in complaining about circumstances in your life? Where do you think the tendency to complain about things comes from?
- What is the hope that this passage is asking us to hold on to? How do we go about doing that?

MORE THAN ENOUGH

- Read Philippians 4:8-13. What is Paul's secret to being content in every situation?
- What connection is there between gratitude and generosity? How easy do you find it to have a sense of gratitude in your life?
- What are some of the things that we should be grateful for that we tend to forget? Who are some people that model gratitude and/or generosity for you?
- What is the difference between happiness and contentment?
- In what ways have you heard people use verse 13? What does it seem to mean in the context of the passage?
- Where does true contentment come from? What can we do to continue to live in that kind of contentment?