



Part 3
The Lie: The Grass is
Always Greener...
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The Greener Grass Syndrome

Satisfaction in life comes with acquiring what we see others as having. If we just had their power, people, positions, possessions, and pleasures, life would be so much better.

The Problem with the Greener Grass Syndrome

Attraction becomes a distraction... *I delay working on the issues in my life*
Comparison brings dissatisfaction... *I brood over not having my needs met*
Fascination becomes a fixation... *I am obsessed with what looks better*

The Greener Grass Lie

God isn't giving me what others have. Can I really trust God?

What drives the Greener Grass Syndrome?

- **Greed** The excessive desire and pursuit of money, wealth or power
- **Envy** The strong, negative craving for what someone else has including the wish the other lacked it
- **Jealousy** The controlling thoughts and feelings of insecurity and anxiety over losing something that one has
- **Coveting** To excessively wish for and constantly yearn for what belongs to another

The Truth:

God knows, cares, and wants what's best for me! He alone brings contentment!

Getting God's Perspective on Greener Grass

1. God and I see grass differently
(1 Timothy 6:6-8; Philippians 4:11-13; Luke 12:15-34)
2. Chasing greener grass makes my life worse
(James 3:3-17; 1 Timothy 6:9-10)
3. God has a perfect patch of grass for me
(Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139:16; Acts 17:26-27, Romans 12:1-2)

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4. God could care less about my views on greener grass
- God has priorities, and getting me greener grass isn't one of them! (*Matthew 16:26*)
 - God is more concerned about my character than the comfort of my grass (*James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5*)
 - God wants me to seek Him and not the things He has created. (*1 John 2:15-17*)
5. Ultimately, Jesus himself makes my grass greener

Facing the Lie This Week

- Don't feed your greed
- Let the Gardener weed your life
- Bloom where you're planted

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Small Group Discussion Questions



1. Thinking back to your childhood, can you remember something that a neighbor kid had that you drooled over? Or maybe you were the kid on the block who had everything. Tell us about it!
2. As an adult, have you ever felt that same way? In what areas is it easy for you to feel dissatisfied with what you have?
3. If it's not God's priority to get us greener grass, what are some of his priorities that we can count on? Can you find any scriptures that clearly describe his priorities for every person?
4. Have you found any practical ways to get from the truth that "Jesus alone brings contentment" to actually living that way? Are there any "disciplines of contentment" that you have discovered?
5. How can we pray for you tonight?