

St Martin's CONNECT 9th-23rd Feb 2011
Prosperity and suffering: Challenges and questions
Group questions

WEEK 1

God wants you rich!?

1. Can we hear God's voice or call when we are distracted by the things we own or desire?
2. Can we discern our true vocation amid the pressures to sustain our present material lifestyle?
3. Professor Richard Layard says, 'Over the past 50 years we in the West have enjoyed unparalleled economic growth. We have better homes, cars, jobs, holidays, education and health but consistently levels of life satisfaction have been in decline.' How do we respond to this
4. Discuss openly if you can whether money has a hold on you? How well do you think you do at radically trusting Jesus for your needs? How much pride is in you regarding this question? If appropriate pray for one another and help each person to be more accountable regarding trust in God.
5. Read Mark 10:17-31. Discuss together the challenges that Jesus words bring to understanding of wealth and fulfilment.