

TAKING IT HOME

1. What is one thing you can deny yourself this week? What could you do with the money/time that you save?

2. What will be your next big purchase? Will it bring you closer to God?

PRAYER GUIDE

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Sugar River Charter Sunday: over 100 families are here!

Pray for healing:

Linda Cook's daughter, vision problems

Diane Lukas at home

Pray for:

Alex Cook, son of Linda and Mike

Health, safety and recovery of victims of Samoas tsunami & the earthquakes in Indonesia

Each week we prayer for a UMC from our district, this

week:Janesville: Cargill, their pastors Forrest Wells and Barbara Wells and the 1,206 members. Cargill is located at 2000 Wesley Avenue, Janesville 53545

Adult mission trip to Mississippi Nov 7-15

Willing servants: worship assistants, cleaning crew(we could use some help with more cleaners), puppeteers, Food Pantry

Sugar River United Methodist Church SERMON OUTLINE for Sunday, October 25, 2009

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

“When Dreams Become Nightmares”

Worship Series Resource: Adam Hamilton, UMCOR, KS

Text: 1 Timothy 6:10b, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Matthew 16:26

Pastor Gary Holmes

1. The American Dream

“The Economic Crisis”

2. The American Nightmare...the bug is spreading

A. Affluenza

B. Credit-it is

C. What's beneath the virus?

3. The Deeper Problem Within

The Spiritual Crisis

Matthew 4:8-10

Luke 8:14

Mark 8:36

1 Timothy 6:10

4. The Bible's Solution...the vaccine

A. We need a heart change

B. We must allow Christ to Work in Us

GROWTH GUIDE – Sugar River UMC

For the week of October 25, 2009

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. When you first had your own money as an adult, what was your first major purchase? How did you feel as you made that purchase?
2. Name something that you bought that you knew almost immediately was a waste of money.
3. What is your idea of the “America Dream”?
4. Talk about a time when you were overwhelmed by the commercialism in America.

DIGGING DEEPER

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.



Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

²⁶What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

1. How can our desire for material possessions pull us away from our faith? Why do material possessions and wealth not satisfy us?
2. What process do you go through to decide whether a material possession is a want or a need?
3. Share a story where you saw a person with few material goods who was content. What makes it possible for people living in poverty to be happy? What can be learned from this?
4. What would happen to your faith in/relationship with Christ if you lost all of your possessions and your means of making a living?
5. Describe a time when you felt contentment.