



week six

solidarity with the poor

bottom line

Fasting teaches those with much to remember those with little.



corresponding teaching content

Invite your group members to watch the corresponding teaching by Pastor Andrew on LivingInhabit.com's Media page before you begin this week's discussion guide.

group icebreaker

Did you know: By 2015, the share of the world's population living in extreme poverty fell to 12 percent from 36 percent in 1990. Do you know any stories of people or families coming out of poverty?

reading scripture together

Read Part 2 of *The Words of Agur* in Proverbs 30:10-17.

play today's group intro video



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suggested discussion questions

getting connected with scripture:

- *Go back and check out verses 7-9 from last week's reading. In this week's context, how might fasting change a person-with-plenty's view of a person-with-little?*
- What does it typically tell us about a person if they don't honor their parents as described in verses 11 & 17?
- *Verse 14 and the verses immediately following it seem to make a connection between greedy appetites or heedless consumption and the plight of the poor & needy. In what ways is that still relevant and true in our modern time and society?*
- What wisdom will you take from our last two weeks spent in Proverbs 30:1-17?

getting real with each other:

- How can we grow less blind to our own arrogance?
- Since Scripture speaks of societal sin in addition to individual sin, would today's topic of solidarity with the poor lead us to confess any sins of our generation?
- **Reflection Question:** Lord, do I need to say "Enough!" to any excess appetite?

getting practical with our faith:

- Aside from inspiring action on their behalf, what is the value of finding greater solidarity with the world's poor?
- *Jesus taught that the wealthy often have a harder time finding their way into the kingdom but that nothing is impossible for God (see Mark 10:23f).*
 - What is it about poverty that positions people to readily receive the gospel?
 - How might a Spirit-led discipline of fasting help rescue the rich?
- Do you believe regular fasting could lead to greater generosity? Why or why not?